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Sunday, January 1.

Was not inclined to get up this morning, but reflecting upon the risk of letting the steam heat go down, I arose at 7:30, attended to fires, had breakfast and went to church at 10:45, assisted in communion office, attended meeting of the Sunday school, then had dinner at the Rectory, came home, wrote some and read, attended evening service. Mr. Haslam absent, had a concert with Greville Haslam, flute, piano and voices after Mr. Haslam returned had supper, spent some more time in conversation and was home at ten o'clock for the night.

Monday, January 2.

Up at 7:30 a. m., cloudy morning and soft under foot, mercury about fifty and above all day, the same at night. Spent the day making a scrap book of my printed sermons, find it rather slow work, it will take some days of steady application. Heard that George T. Parshley had another shock and is sick in bed at his house. Mr. Haslam came in at seven minutes past eight and we had the old set to with Mr. Chase till half past eleven. Ate apples and talked of the election of tomorrow night.

Tuesday, January 3.

Cloudy morning, some rain falling all day, warm, scarcely any need of fire except to drive out dampness. I worked on my scrap book of sermons all day, it is a slow process of arranging sermons according to date of printing, but I shall have a convenient collection when done, last Sunday's sermon was printed today in the usual weekly paper. At night attended St. Mark's Lodge for annual election, was again elected Master and installed with principal officers, the stewards were not present.

Wednesday, January 4.

Cooler morning, worked on my scrap-book of sermons until three o'clock, then went to the bank to audit the accounts of the savings department, looking over all the securities and signing the report. Came home at five, made supper for Rev. Mr. Haslam, who came on time, after supper we played again with Mr. Chase until half past eleven, when he started for home. Mercury fell to 10 degrees with promise of more drop in a few hours, built a good fire in the steamer.

Thursday, January 5.

Russell announced engagement to Charles B. Chase in letter to me today. Before I was out of bed at 7:30 a. m., I heard a team drive into the yard and looked out and saw a load of coal. I hastened down in my night shirt and slippers to open the window in the cellar. Spent about all day on my scrap book of printed sermons. Have some two hundred thirty two pages, three columns to the page and am not half through the work. Attended the Council at night taking part of C. of G. in absence of regular officer. Short session of cold night, looked at mercury, only about 20 degrees above but the wind is high. Had letter from Russell, announcing her engagement to Charles B. Chase.

Friday, January 6.

Mercury about 20 degrees F. this morning it grew warmer through the day and at night. I spent part of the day writing on a sermon, rather laboriously, the words coming slowly. Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Goodrich made a call and occupied a little of my time. Mr. Chase came in and we talked about a lot and house for him and

my daughter, also about a farm, she wants a farm for a wedding present, and wants to do with it according to her own notions, build McDowell studios.

Saturday, January 7.

I do not know how the Sat., Jan. 7 report was skipped and I must have been careless not to have noticed the omission but what is here set down for Saturday actually occurred that day. Part of Saturday was used to finish my sermon and part going over town to library and stores, some mail was also gotten off. I took a book from the library on "foot steps" of Scott (Sir Walter) a very interesting book with colored pictures, this I read through at night with much pleasure.

Sunday, January 8.

Mild morning, attended church, gave morning prayer in absence of the Rector and preached at 10:45 a. m. opened Sunday school and remained till it closed, then had dinner at the Rectory with Mrs. Haslam and three sons, roasted goose, good and fat. Spent afternoon at home. J. F. Couch called on me and was here half an hour

or more, attended church and gave evening prayer at 6:30 p. m., then had tea with Mrs. Haslam and the boys. have just reached home at quarter past nine, looked after the steam and will read some

Monday, January 9.

Spent some of the day pasting sermons together for scrap book. Went over town to bank, stores and library, took out another book of Scottish life, called Kate Carnegie, by Ian McLarris. Called on the Hosleys but got only promises of rent, by mail a draft for rent came from Racine, 1131 Villa street, my tax bill, also came to home today, about one hundred and thirty-five dollars tax for this year. Mr. Chase came in and talked with me for an hour. he has just gone to bed. Not very cold weather.

Tuesday, January 10.

Spent the forenoon in pasting sermons into my scrap book, after dinner attended the directors meeting at bank, election of officers for insuing year, etc., at 2 p. m. attended trustees meeting at 4 p. m. election of trustees, etc., went into library for half hour, came home, at night attended

lodge, there were three more names on petitions for degrees. Shepard, Campbell, and Reynolds, all good men, think they will be accepted, came home early, half past nine. A mild day and evening.

Wednesday, January 11.

I am writing this up before night because Mr. Haslam is coming here to supper and I am going to the farm later, for the night with Jennie. Was invited and took dinner at half past twelve with Principal Silver at the Academy, a class of domestic science prepared the dinner, all the things were prepared in the old academy, three gas stoves and one wood or coal range. Prof. E. R. Angell, Rev. Lucian Adams, Henry Warner and Miss Bullard and Mrs. Bartley occupied seats with us at the table on the lower floor of the old building once academy.

Thursday, January 12.

Reached the farm at five minutes past midnight, slept warm, had breakfast there, reached home at ten this morning, used the day pasting my sermon together. At night attended chapter meeting and worked Past

Master on Sawyer and Angell, they made good candidates and the brethren seemed to have a good time with them, came home at ten o'clock, sat and talked a half hour with Mr. Chase. The days are very mild and not much coal burned.

Friday, January 13.

Wrote two chapters on sermon for next Sunday, pasted one sermon into a book by itself. went over town to bank, printing office and store, called on Mr. George A. Parshley, who is confined to house with a third shock, Mr. and Mrs. McGregor made a call on me, they took dinner at the Goodriches and remained in evening to attend social and supper at hall. I also went there for supper, fifteen cents, large attendance, tables were set twice, songs and readings later. I came home at eight o'clock.

Saturday, January 14.

Finished my sermon in course of the day, pasted last Sunday's sermon in a little book by itself rather carefully, heard from Jennie several times over the telephone. Brent Haslam called me up to see if I could attend church at 8 a. m. tomorrow.

Rev. C. R. Bailey of Manchester called me up and asked me to spend tomorrow with him and Mrs. Bailey and take part in his services preaching at night. An inspector came to look over the water service in this house. The day has been cloudy and damp.

Sunday, January 15.

I have to report a dull and cloudy day. I lay in bed till eleven unmindful of call of Mr. Haslam or Mr. Bailey to services either at Derry or Manchester. This is so unusual for me that I write down the facts. The day has been spent at home. I wrote a long letter to my daughter on her wishes for a farm as wedding present. I wrote to Jerome and his wife and made notes to go along with my sermon to the printers. I talked with Mr. Chase and ate three meals notwithstanding the shortness of the day. Heard from Jennie by telephone, etc.

Monday, January 16.

Found the mercury near zero this morning, and took good care to fire up at once after the breakfast did some more pasting sermons till noon, ate dinner and worked another hour, then went over town, called

at the Pettingills for interest, called at library and got these books, "Just Irish" is one of them, very good, have read it through since my return, Romantic Ireland in two volumes, the others to be read later. I am going to bed about ten o'clock with fires in good condition.

Tuesday, January 17.

Remained at home in the morning, finished the pasting of sermons into scrap-book, over three hundred pages of two hundred lines or more to each page. These sermons would make several large books if published in the ordinary type and size. In afternoon went to printing office and got another sermon, bought things at store, three pounds sausage, three pies, lemon, apple, squash, bread and doughnuts. Read books at night, Romantic Ireland in two volumes, very good. The day has been rather cold not much above zero.

Wednesday, January 18.

Mercury about 15 degrees, rather cold but the temperature is rising. Heard from Jennie several times, went to town, called on Allen Ripley who has been confined to

his house with rheumatism, found him comfortable with an electric battery on each leg. He is a brother Mason and that is one reason for calling on him. Mr. Haslam came home with me, he then went to the Tysons for supper and came back about nine o'clock and we had some games until half past eleven.

Thursday, January 19.

Wrote three chapters on sermon in the forenoon, had salt pork, onion and potato rice and apple pie for dinner, in afternoon called on deacon Folsom, Mrs. Folsom and Miss Gott. The man is pretty lame and feeble. Mrs. Folsom has all the work to do. Read some in a new book on Norway Fjords, quite interesting, bound my book of sermons, 310 pages for future reference. Mr. Chase says he is going out to Chicago in March to see Russell and wants me to go and see Jerome and the rest of the family. Mild weather today.

Friday, January 20.

Received a monthly magazine from Mrs. Harriett S. MacMurphy with a long article written about her and her picture. She is the first woman inspector of foods in the

country and has her appointment from the governor of Nebraska. I finished my sermon, had telephone call from F. N. Young, Pres. of Board of Trade, inviting me to go to meeting of State Board at Concord today, annual meeting, election of officers, and dinner at Eagle Hotel. Mr. Bailey and wife called me to supper with them at Manchester. I have declined both calls. Heard from Jennie twice, she went to Londonderry to call on cousins.

Saturday, January 21.

Ten o'clock at night, the day has been mild, 42 degrees. Mrs. Emma F. Foote and daughter with another friend, a gentleman, called at twelve, had pleasant interview, she wants to know how the Burnham estate is coming on with the lawyers and her prospect of getting something out of it. A Mr. Tewksbury called and wanted advice and help to buy a farm near his father and mother, the old Batchelder place at thirty-five hundred dollars, 55 acres and buildings. I went over town to library, returned books and took out a book on Palestine by Henry Van Dyke.

Sunday, January 22.

Conducted morning service and preached at 10:45, opened the Sunday school, heard boys lessons, and closed, went to the Rectory for dinner, came home at 3 p. m. sang and played, read and wrote, heard from Jennie. Fire alarm for west side, reported that Daniel M. Boyd's new buildings were burning in Londonderry with no hope of saving any of them. Attended and conducted the evening service at 6:30 p. m., have just returned to find house comfortably warm, etc.

Monday, January 23.

The ground has been bare all this month, and there was not more than an inch of snow in last month, the weather is not very cold just below freezing point most of the time. I went over town in the afternoon to library and to attend to some business concerning a mortgage deed where the interest has not been paid for three years. Usual news to be read, papers daily and letters. The day has been dull with nothing doing of importance, no callers today and little news by telephone from any source. Jennie had something to say twice and I attend to fires.

Tuesday, January 24.

The day has been cool and clear, fine for walking out. I called on Mrs. Hosley for rent without success, with her husband, herself and four children, they find it close work to live on his wages of ten dollars a week. Myron Richardson paid me fifteen dollars for use of fields in summer, grass and pasturing on old farm. Russell wrote that she wants to have a farm for an experiment with little folks "children's home" when she is married, sermon of Sunday is printed in today's paper in fine condition, well spaced and lined.

Wednesday, January 25.

Six o'clock, just thinking of supper. Mr. McGregor called this afternoon and talked an hour. I have written three chapters on sermon, pasted last printed sermon in scrap book and also made up a little book of one, bought a dozen oranges and a pound of coffee, The ground is perfectly bare, the sky clear and the air not very cold, fine walking weather. Mr. Chase and I are to go to the Rectory tonight to spend the evening and have oyster stew afterward probably. The days are perceptibly longer especially noticeable in afternoon.

Thursday, January 26.

Up at half past seven, breakfast at eight, attend to fires and read the morning news, wrote on sermon, spent most of the day writing on that and finished it before dark, went to post office for American, read evening news, played and sang by the piano for an hour, talked with Mr. Chase on his business. Heard from Jennie by phone, some snow falling at night, pretty damp, am going to bed early to make up for last night, when I was out till midnight.

Friday, January 27.

Jennie came down from the farm at noon and remained here till about half past four, she enjoyed the change, did some sweeping for me, played some on the organ. I think one of my organs will be sent up to her so that she and Mr. McGregor can play together. I have heard from her by telephone since she reached the farm, her husband was there when she returned. The day has been very mild, rainy in part, light snow on the ground, slush and wet, nothing of interest to mention. Winter passing.

Saturday, January 28.

Morning wet and slushy under foot, spent the day around home, reading, writing and getting three meals. Heard from Jennie. Al Tewksbury called to talk of buying a farm near his mother and father. I took book to library in the afternoon, many people there Saturday afternoons looking over the books. I bought three pies, apple pie, squash pie and cranberrie pie, also coffee rolls and doughnuts. Played and sang in the evening nearly two hours. Colder weather at night and windy.

Sunday, January 29.

Up before seven o'clock, bathe and dress, attend to furnace and cook coffee and oatmeal for breakfast, start at nine o'clock for station, 9:35 car for Manchester, assist in morning service at St. Andrews, afterward in Sunday school, fifteen classes, take dinner with Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Bailey at their home, 31 George St., spend the afternoon there, assist at evening service half past six and preach the sermon, Mr. Bailey being there, left Manchester on 8:30 car for Derry, and am home at nine forty-five, house is open and I walk in.

Monday, January 30.

The sun came out and carried away all the snow that fell last night, and left soft muddy streets, then the wind arose and blew hard enough to dry up all the water, and cold air froze the ground stiff. I was at both banks on business this afternoon and at the stores for things in the kitchen. I am at home now, keeping up the steam for the 12 radiators in the house and also a wood fire in kitchen. Had a caller in the evening. I played and sang an hour by the piano. Pretty cold night.

Tuesday, January 31.

Pretty cold night. After breakfast I examined the water pipes in the bath room and found two of them frozen, a little use of warm water started them again and I soon quickened the boiler and sent more heat out over the house. Went over town in the afternoon to store and postoffice, bought some provisions. Heard from Jennie, wrote one letter, cooked beef stew, had good meals, three times. It takes time to run a house, even when alone. Got evening papers and read the news.

Wednesday, February 1.

Mercury about 10 degrees above this morning, I got up rather early to see that the boiler was hot, had breakfast and settled down to write, finished three sections of a sermon, three sevenths of the whole. Mr. Haslam called in the afternoon for a few minutes, said he would come again in the evening about eight. I had a fire in the open place of sitting room and Mr. Chase and I sat talking till half past nine, and gave up looking for Mr. Haslam. Shall retire, also in a short time. Beautiful sunshine all day.

Thursday, February 2.

Found snow two inches deep this morning, a little more fell during the day, there was no sunshine, finished writing on sermon, corrections to be made yet and possible notes added. Heard from the farm several times, read the two dailies, three, counting the Woman's National Daily of University City, Mo., attended council in the evening, weather pretty cold, it takes considerable attention to supply wood for the kitchen stove and coal for the boiler in very cold weather, I am going to bed rather early for me.

Friday, February 3.

Cleared off the snow around the walks, some light snow fell during the day. Read and corrected sermon, read the papers, telephoned with Jennie several times. Mr. Haslam came in the evening and was here until half past eleven. Spent the time in conversation, and playing five hundred, eating peanuts, apples, cake, etc. I practiced on my lectures for lodges and chapter that come next week. Heard from Mr. Bailey that he expects me next Sunday.

Saturday, February 4.

Up at seven, bright day, but melting snow makes sloppy walking, cleaned off my paths, read the news in all the papers, recited some ritual, went over town in the afternoon, visited the library, exchanged books, talked with Rev. Nichols and Rev. Martin, the latter is a Mason and belongs to old St. Johns Lodge No. 1 of Portsmouth. I invited him to attend St. Mark's when he can. Heard from Jennie and Mr. McGregor by phone, talked with Mr. Arthur Greenough on the cost of his new house, in the evening with Mr. Chase, had letter from wife about coming east.

Sunday, February 5.

Went to Manchester in the morning, was celebrant at St. Andrew's Church, 10:45 a. m., with the Rev. C. R. Bailey as sub-deacon. Went to 31 George street, had dinner and spent the afternoon with the Rev. and Mrs. Bailey. At night, 6:30 p. m., read the lessons and gave the sermon at the same church. After service took the first car for Derry, 8:30 and reached town inside an hour and walked to the village, getting home about 9:50 p. m. The night is pretty cold. I find fire in the steam heater and water pipes clear.

Monday, February 6.

Mercury at zero when I got up at seven this morning, spent all the forenoon making the rooms comfortable and attending to meals. After dinner went to town and took part in bank meeting of the trustees in Savings. Came home early to look after the wood and coal supplies and keep water-pipes clear of ice, etc. After supper dressed and went to town again to enjoy entertainment, collation and balloting in the Order of the Eastern Star. Good time with old friends. Just home again at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, February 7.

More snow fell in the night. I cleaned off my walks and got breakfast, read the Manchester Union and wrote a chapter of my sermons. Heard from Jennie by phone. Mr. McGregor was at home today so I talked over the phone with him. After dinner recited some ritual and prepared the fires to last over night if possible as I intend to go to the visitation of Washington Lodge at Manchester and probably will have to stay so late that I cannot get a car to come home tonight. Weather cloudy.

Wednesday, February 8.

Found the steam boiler and fire all right, this morning, light snow fell in the night. I cleaned the walks and had my breakfast, read the papers. I was reported as making remarks in Manchester last night at Mason's Hall. Spent the day very lazily, dozing in my chair several times, had to make up sleep for the last three nights. Received two tickets for reception and ball of the present Governor Robert P. Bass at Concord, February 23, think I may be likely

to attend as I did two years ago. I need a lady to escort. Jennie and her husband have tickets also.

Thursday, February 9.

Managed to write three chapters on sermon during the day and look after the fires and cook three meals, Mr. Haslam was here for tea, had sausage and potato, fresh bread, butter and apricot sauce, ceylon tea, etc., attended chapter at night opened in full Royal Arch chapter, changed to M. M. M. and worked the degree on Eugene D. Campbell, he was pleased with the degree and I am pleased with him. Came home about half past ten to write up diary and look after fires and go to bed.

Friday, February 10.

Eight o'clock when I started to dress, had breakfast and cleared away the dishes, wrote on sermon to the finish of the sixth chapter, had dinner went over town, paid for coal, light, telephone two sets of books taken on installment. Enterprise with sermon, printed, called at Davis's, called at Rectory, invited Mrs. Haslam to attend the Governor's ball and reception at Concord

with me on February 23rd, came home, got the evening paper, had the fires fixed for the night and attended social at Central parlors, supper and entertainment included for fifteen cents, this concludes a busy day, weather pleasant.

Saturday, February 11.

Clear and bright day, read and corrected my sermon, attended to several letters to be answered, read papers, cooked sausage, onion and potato for dinner, enjoyed the meal, went over town in the afternoon to stores and postoffice, came back at six o'clock, went to office here, then called on John Anderson and sister, got home near seven, heard Jennie on the telephone before I had taken supper, read National Geographical Magazine article by Roosevelt on Africa, played and sang for an hour.

Sunday, February 12.

After attending to the breakfast and fires went to church, read service and preached at 10:45, opened Sunday School and closed the same, then had dinner with Mrs. Haslam at the rectory, came home, played and sang an hour or more, heard from Mrs.

McGregor at the farm, went to evening service, took charge of all, Mr. Haslam not being at home, had tea afterwards at rectory with Mrs. Haslam and the three boys, came home at nine o'clock, have talked with Mr. Chase in his room and am looking after the fires.

Monday, February 13.

Quite early a two horse team came loaded with two tons of coal for my steam heater, and soon two loads of wood came for kitchen fire. I went over town and called on some of the brethren to chip in to help brother George T. Parshley who is sick at home, raised eighteen dollars, mostly in dollars. In the evening had another call from young Tewksbury who wants help to buy a farm, a \$3500. farm, he can put in only \$500. The risk is too great for him, I discouraged him all I could from trying to do the impossible. Some snow falling.

Tuesday, February 14.

Wood came completing two cords of hard wood, making six cords so far this winter and eight tons of coal, six tons of coal al-

ready burned and four cords of wood, have two of each on hand. In afternoon visited more of the brethren and in all have thirty eight dollars for Mr. Parshley, the work is not finished yet, perhaps not half done, played and sang by the piano for an hour tonight. Mrs. George Proctor of Wilton died this morning of Brights disease of the kidney, funeral to be Friday. I telephoned Jennie about the death, etc.

Wednesday, February 15.

The mercury was at zero this morning, found the steam up in some of the pipes and no frost inside the house, but the sink room is a cold place generally, have not been doing much today, wrote cousin Harriet S. MacMurphy my answer to inquiries about the MacMurphy family at Waldo, Wis., descended from John MacMurphy, pioneer of this town of Londonderry, 1719 Am going to the rectory for tea with Louis M. Packer and to spend the evening with the Rector and his family. Mr. Chase is also to be there after tea for the evening.

Thursday, February 16.

Mercury below zero this morning, 8 degrees in some places around town, the sun

soon warmed up the air and before noon it began to thaw, the mercury going up to 40 degrees above. I am going to accept invitation to attend reception of the Governor at the capitol and Miss Carrie McGregor has agreed to be my companion. Mr. McGregor, her brother and Jennie are to go also. I am thinking of going to Wilton tomorrow to attend funeral of Mrs. Winnifred Proctor, our second or third cousin. Wrote twenty pages on my sermon.

Friday, February 17.

Stormy day and I did not make any effort to get up early and go to the funeral at Wilton. Mr. Goodrich and Miss Stiles went. Mrs. Bartlett's funeral at the Hood farm was held today. She was Clara Hood, and daughter of H. P. Hood, deceased, Mrs. Hood is living at the age of 81 years. Jennie went to the city because she felt it her duty to look up something to wear to the Governor's reception and ball next Thursday. I finished my sermon and read it aloud, no corrections made yet nor punctuation.

Saturday, February 18.

Instead of being cold, it is warm this morning, snow has melted on the streets, and sledding is threatened but good yet, went over town in the forenoon, raised more money for Brother Parshley, over fifty names and each contributed at least one dollar cheerfully. Read over my sermon and made some points. Heard from Jennie several times. Dr. Barker over the telephone gave something to the fund, also Horace A. Hill. Played and sang by the piano an hour or more.

Sunday, February 19.

Up at 6:40, went down cellar and put coal on the fire, came up and took bath, changed clothing and dressed for early service, the fire had not made its appearance in the coal. I gave up going to service had breakfast and watched the steam heater, it came up slowly and I went to church 10:45, helped in the service and Sunday School, had dinner with the family at the rectory, came home, sang and played by the piano, telephoned with Jennie went to church 6:30 p. m. Mr. Haslam was not there. Had tea with the family, home 9:15 p. m.

Monday, February 20.

Light snow fell in the night and about all day, weather mild. Had a letter from Mrs. Clarinda B. (Williams) Boldwood of Grand Rapids, she was my music teacher 1861. She has three sons who are lawyers in one office in that city, two of them are married. She has two daughters unmarried who, with the unmarried son, live with her in the house built by her husband, Lucius M. Boldwood, who died in 1895. She is deaf and an Episcopalian. I visited George T. Parshley today and gave him a check for fifty dollars, collected from the brethren of St. Mark's Lodge of which he is Past Master.

Tuesday, February 21.

The day has been clear and rather cold, more cold toward night, about 10 degrees above at ten o'clock tonight. I have a good fire in steamer and kitchen. Went over town, had dinner with Mr. Haslam at Rectory, met some of the brethren, had more talk about Brother Parshley, etc. Edgar Stuart called at night a Mason and wants to be set right with the lodge, belongs to Maine, Springvale Lodge 190. Mr.

Chase sat a while and talked over the business of the day and has gone to bed I am going there soon.

Wednesday, February 22.

Another bright day, Mr. Haslam and Mr. Packer and Mr. Chase were here until near twelve o'clock, played, ate nuts, apples cake and honey. I wrote four letters in the forenoon and attended to fires, cooked meat, potatoes and onions, had three kinds of pie for dinner, pasted my last sermon into a scrap book as before, made also a single book of sixteen pages of the last sermon, the one of Sexagesema. Heard from Jennie several times by phone, she is anxious about the trip to Concord tomorrow night.

Thursday, February 23.

Went to Concord with Mr. and Mrs. McGregor and his sister Carrie, took supper and rooms at the Eagle Hotel, attended Governor Robert P. Bass's Reception and Ball in the city hall auditorium and barracks. There were about six hundred people there, fine dress parade for ladies, evening suits for gentlemen, music Nevers Band excellent refreshments, covered way across

the street from one building to the other. We were the only Derry people invited. Met the Governor's mother from Chicago, spoke to her of Mrs. MacMurphy's teaching in the Waller High School there.

Friday, February 24.

Started from Concord on the 7:30 a. m. train, reached Derry at 8:30 and home to find the steam heater warm and water pipes safe. Wrote on sermon part of the day, heard from Jennie several times and from Couch, about banquet to the Masons on visitation, bought ticket to the East Derry Entertainment on the 28th, read the papers, dozed by the fire couple of hours after dinner, talked with Dr. Wark about election in Chapter also with Mr. Chase. I am not going to take additional work.

Saturday, February 25.

After breakfast settled down to writing, soon Mr. Meeks arrived with some potatoes and with him another man, they set about cutting off brown tail moth nests and finished by one o'clock, then I had them take my smaller reed organ up to the farm for

Jennie to play and accompany Mr. MacGregor on the flute. I finished my sermon and went over town at five o'clock, at night Mr. Meeks came again and remained till half past ten talking about his work and prospects of raising something profitable on the Burnham place.

Sunday, February 26.

Arranged the fires for the day, and had my breakfast and went to church, conducted service and preached at 10:45 a. m., opened Sunday school, heard the Bible class, closed Sunday school, went to Rectory for dinner, came home at 3 p. m., played and sang an hour by the piano, wrote up notes for paper, returned to town, dropped sermon and notes at Derry News office, gave evening service at 6:30 p. m. thence to Rectory for tea with Mrs. Haslam and the three boys, came home at 9 p. m. to attend fires, etc.

Monday, February 27.

Remained around home all the forenoon, had dinner and found it unnecessary to put coal on the fires, at half past two went to town, got a dollar on benefit to Bro.

Parshley, took the three thirty five car went to Goffs Falls, thence to Nashua, was at opening of Lodge of Perfection 14th grade at five o'clock, saw ballot on thirteen candidates, had banquet at six-thirty sharp, saw work of 14th grade on fifteen candidates, took ten o'clock car for Goffs Falls, waited there till Derry car picked me up, home at half past twelve.

Tuesday, February 28.

Up at 7:30 a. m., had breakfast and read the morning papers. Wrote letters in reply to Miss Lucy J. Clark, concerning note and mortgage. Spent the day doing very little. Dozed in my rocking chair by the kitchen stove, after supper went with Mr. Chase to the Rectory and spent the evening, Mr. Haslam and Mr. Chase playing with Mr. Packer and me, at eleven o'clock had hot pancakes and maple syrup, also cold tongue, lettuce and dressing, coffee and cake, came home at midnight.

Wednesday, March 1.

This has been a dull day and without any thing to show for my part. I was over town for a couple of hours in the library

and elsewhere, met and talked with various people, at home answered the telephone many times, read the papers, wrote some on sermon, one chapter, talked with Jennie over telephone, attended to fires, only wood fires in the day time, at night put coal on the steam furnace, enough to last till tomorrow, went to bed rather early for me, about ten o'clock. Mild weather.

Thursday, March 2.

Another mild day, read the papers, made extracts for references in sermon and cut out some pieces, wrote three chapters on sermon, Jennie and her husband attended funeral of Mrs. Granvil Plummer in Londonderry this afternoon, about twenty went in a wheel barge, large attendance at the Presbyterian Church. Rev. Charles D. Merriam there and took part in the service. I am going to Council meeting this evening, have been in the house all day, writing most of the time.

Friday, March 3.

Up at seven o'clock, had breakfast at eight o'clock, went over town to attend to water bills, did not find my man, bought

some provisions, came home and had dinner, returned to town, paid \$24.33 for six months service, some rebate on my vacant tenement. Mrs. McGregor came down at half past five to spend a few days while Mr. McGregor is away, they will both stay here a while for change from the farm. I am getting ready for Masonic work in the lodge tomorrow.

Saturday, March 4.

Jennie was on hand this morning bright and early. After breakfast she swept some of the rooms and I shook out the dust from the rugs and brushed them on the lawn. I wrote the three remaining chapters of my sermon, read and corrected the manuscript. all meals promptly attended, after tea I went to the lodge and worked the E. A. degree on Fritz J. Shepard, Jr., his father was present and a good attendance, the work was finished at twenty minutes after nine. Stopped to talk a while and came, home, before ten o'clock. Jennie had gone to bed, the house warm, but cold outside.

Sunday, March 5.

Jennie helped to get the breakfast afterwards I fixed the fires and went off to church. Rev. Arthur Shaw of Goffstown was there and preached. I helped him in the services, communion, etc., we went to rectory for dinner, Mrs. Tyson Jr., of East Derry prepared roast beef and plum pudding for us. She is there while Mrs. Haslam is in Nova Scotia at a funeral, etc. I came home for the afternoon, attended church again in the evening, came home at eight o'clock, rather cold night, arrange the heater and go to bed.

Monday, March 6.

Jennie went up to the farm, found the cat pleased to see her, carried up meat, put the cat down cellar, came back in time for dinner. In the evening she talked with Mr. McGregor's daughter in Nashua. Mr. McGregor had gone to bed, he will come home tomorrow, after this she telephoned with aunt Martha Nesmith, and later with William Clark. She bought cake and doughnuts of Mrs. Pettee. Think she is enjoying her winter quarters so far. Snow fell

today, two inches perhaps, and then the sun came out. Weather mild but not thawing much. Days appear longer.

Tuesday, March 7.

Breakfast at eight, Jennie up to help get it on the table. I remained at home all day, we had dinner together and spent the time talking about the old folks of our childhood. I telephoned to several, and heard from several, Mr. McGregor came about five o'clock, we had tea together, then I went to lodge, had the visitation of grand officers, Bartlett, Bond, Richardson, also Batchelder and Fogg, about sixty in all. Worked E. A. degree on Prof. A. W. Reynolds, Supt. of schools, after work quite an elaborate banquet, and helped to clear up tables.

Wednesday, March 8.

Up at seven, Mr. McGregor had started the fire in the kitchen stove and Jennie was getting the breakfast. The mercury was 40 below zero, but the day became warm. I was at home all day. We had meals together, sang and played with the piano and Mr. McGregor played the flute.

In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. McGregor drove to the farm and took the cat aboard and so we have her in hand at present, after we went to town to attend church, then to rectory and sat and chatted with Mr. Haslam till after ten o'clock. Am just home, and looking after the steam heater at eleven o'clock.

Thursday, March 9.

Heard today that Mrs. Roxana Corning, widow of my first cousin is very sick at the age of eighty, acute form of indigestion, and perhaps may not be well again. Meals together. Mr. and Mrs. McGregor here for the winter, pretty short one now probably. At night I attended Bell Royal Arch Chapter, opened and elected new officers, served as H. P. two years. I installed the new officers, the secretary John C. Chase presented me with a jewel on retiring. I made a speech of acceptance, came home at eleven, feeling grateful.

Friday, March 10.

Up at seven, found Mr. McGregor reading by the kitchen stove. Jennie appeared soon and prepared breakfast. I went over town in the morning to bank and stores, came

home for dinner with Mr. and Mrs. McGregor. Went over town in the afternoon, bought some things for the table, had tea with the family, after seven o'clock at the hall, about one hundred and fifty there and entertainment, ample of good things, came home at eight, attended to furnace, talked till half past nine, and all go to bed in good spirits.

Saturday, March 11.

Up at seven, after bath, breakfast, after breakfast work on sermon which had only five pages written, continued all day finishing about five o'clock. Mr. McGregor attended the funeral of Parker Ballou this afternoon, he met his death by falling on a circular saw at the log mill in Windham. Jennie cooked beans and pork in the oven today, Mr. McGregor is very fond of cooked beans. Miss Sarah Corthell is dead. Saw Miss Hattie Smith in town last night. The day has been fine, snow mostly melted and fields look brown, mild tonight.

Sunday, March 12.

Mr. McGregor was up quite early and had a good fire in the kitchen when I came down and Mrs. McGregor soon had

breakfast. I went to church to assist at 10:45 service, remained at Sunday school, and then had dinner with the Rector and family at the rectory, came home and spent the afternoon, went back for service at 6:30 p. m., conducted the evening prayer. Mrs. Haslam insisted on my taking tea at the rectory, when Mr. Haslam came home from Merrimac at half past eight. I have just arrived home again at ten o'clock to look after the steam heat and go to bed.

Monday, March 13.

Went to the farm in the forenoon. crossing the fields, found everything right. continued to the Pinkhams, proposed a plan for paying rent by papering and painting all the rooms. Came home by depot, had dinner at home. Mrs. Kate Hall and Mrs. Frank How called on Jennie but Jennie and Mrs. Goodrich were out calling also. Mr. McGregor had a headache all day, and is in doors. Mrs. Dick and daughter called at night. The day has been fine, warm and bright. Jennie heard from Emily Hall by letter. Very little snow in the woods or fields. Spring appearance generally.

Tuesday, March 14.

Up at 7:15, bathe and dress. Mr. McGregor had a fire in kitchen, Jennie was getting breakfast on table, attended to mail and read daily paper, went over town, paid George T. Parshley twenty-five dollars, the amount in hand from the brethren, making total of seventy-five given him. Home for dinner, and spent afternoon here. Voted at town meeting for democrats. They carried the election in every office. After tea attended lodge and worked E. A. degree on Sam Campbell of Windham, good meeting, two petitions entered, came home at eleven to see to fires, write up diary and retire.

Wednesday, March 15.

Mr. McGregor had a fire in the kitchen stove when I came down, Jennie came soon after and we had breakfast together, milk and morning mail soon after. Mr. McGregor went over town for most of the day. Frank E. Kendall of Milford came with team, paid note of Miss Lucy J. Clark and I gave up mortgage \$365.00. I went with him to fix the insurance and show him the premises, also introduced him to Mr. Frank

N. Young who rents the house, I got two town reports and gave one to Jennie. At home in the evening, the weather is mild, and day clear.

Thursday, March 16.

Up at seven, had bath, dressed and came down to find Mr. McGregor by the kitchen stove reading. Jennie prepared breakfast. after that I began to write on sermon and Mr. McGregor went over town, he was not here for dinner, after dinner I wrote more, and also went over town at four o'clock. The wind was strong and fierce about 15 degrees of cold. I bought some meat, doughnuts and oranges, came home for tea. The wind drives the heat out of the house and the steam heater needs frequent attention. The night promises to be colder and I must care for water pipes, etc.

Friday, March 17.

Up at seven, took bath, dressed and found Mr. McGregor sitting by the kitchen stove, reading. Jennie got breakfast, we read the morning papers and I finished my sermon, quoting a letter written by Miss Frances C. Pinkerton, September 17, 1831 at Brad-

ford Academy to Aunt Sarah Jane Mac-Murphy. After tea Mr. Chase and I and Louis M. Packer went to the Rectory to celebrate the day, St. Patrick's. Played five hundred till half past eleven, had an oyster stew and came home at half past twelve at night, pretty dark, moon hidden by clouds.

Saturday, March 18.

Came down at 7:30 a. m., no fires started. Mr. McGregor was up and dressed, we set about breakfast and Mrs. McGregor soon joined us. I read the morning papers, it was raining, had snowed in the night, the ground was covered all white. In the afternoon I walked across lots to the farm, went all over the house, looked around the outside for signs of visitors. Mr. B. D. Meek had cut off the brown tails, came back by depot with baked beans, brown bread and white, had tea soon after reaching home with Jennie and Mr. MacGregor. Read over my sermon, etc.

Sunday, March 19.

Mr. McGregor had a fire in kitchen stove when I came down. Mrs. McGregor soon had breakfast and I tended to the steam

heat. At ten I went to church, Mr. Haslam away. I took the service and preached opened Sunday School, taught the boys' class, closed and went to the Rectory for dinner with Mrs. Haslam and three boys. Came home at 3 p. m., played and sang, spent the time with Jennie till six o'clock, went back for evening service at 6:30 p. m. Came home and talked with Jennie till nine o'clock, she has gone to bed and I am going soon. Snow falling, quite damp.

Monday, March 20.

Mr. McGregor was sitting by the fire when I came down, the ground all white with snow and heavy frost on the branches of all the trees, we soon had breakfast and read the morning mail, the weather is mild and snow thawing, roads wet with snow and slush. Went over town in the afternoon and attended to some business at the bank, bought some things at the stores, talked with several people, spent the morning at home talking with Mr. and Mrs. McGregor about fifty years ago, teachers and pupils and stories of much earlier days, perhaps a hundred years ago.

Tuesday, March 21

Up at 7:15, found Mr. McGregor already had a fire in the kitchen stove and Jennie was getting breakfast, after the breakfast we read the morning mail, daily papers, etc. Mrs. McGregor started early on the dinner of corned beef, pork, cabbage, turnip, parsnip, beets and potatoes, we had a good dinner. In afternoon I went over-town, made calls, bought some dishes of vegetables, got the Derry Enterprise with printed sermon, and came home for tea, bananas and cream pudding. more boiled vituals, cake, etc. Mild weather.

Wednesday, March 22.

Up at seven found the breakfast started by Mr. and Mrs. McGregor. The day cloudy but warm. After dinner went over town with Mrs. McGregor, took stable team and drove to farm, Jennie wanted some clothing. Found everything in order, spent some time about the house and yard, called at green house on the way back to look at Spring flowers. After supper talked till nine o'clock. Today Mr. McGregor set up the hall clock with my help and it is running finely and striking the hours. The

night is dark. Mr. Chase is going to start soon for Chicago.

Thursday, March 23.

Mr. McGregor had a fire in kitchen when I came down. Mrs. McGregor prepared breakfast soon, after that we read the morning papers. I went overtown after dinner. Mr. McGregor went out making calls. All home for tea and talked till nine o'clock about all the old settlers of our acquaintance. Mr. Chase sent Russell's trunk to depot this morning, he starts for Boston tomorrow morning and will leave there for Chicago before noon, reach Chicago about four o'clock Saturday and go up to Oak Park, where the folks are, for a visit.

Friday, March 24.

Up at seven, found the kitchen warm and Mr. McGregor reading. After the breakfast, read papers and I wrote on sermon till noon, had greens for dinner, a fine lot of spinach. In afternoon went over town, pretty sharp, cold wind from the north, bought meat, pies, cake, etc., came home and had tea with Mr. and Mrs. McGregor,

then sat and talked of all the old folks we knew fifty years ago, till nine o'clock. Mr. Chase said good bye and started for Boston and Chicago at 8:30 a. m. He expects to spend about two weeks away. The day has been fine but rather chilly.

Saturday, March 25.

Finished sermon about noon, all meals at home. Mr. and Mrs. McGregor here for all meals, he made several trips out both forenoon and afternoon. I went over town toward night, collected rent of Mrs. Johns and bought some things, shirt, stockings and collar. We spent the evening till nine o'clock in talking of our old mutual acquaintances. The day has been very fine, blue birds and robins and other spring songsters around. We had baked beans out of the pot for tea with plenty of pork, etc. Wound up three eight day clocks and go to bed.

Sunday, March 26.

Bright, warm day with blue birds and robins around. Mr. McGregor up early. Mrs. McGregor had the table set for breakfast at eight. I went to church to assist

at 10:45, assisted at the Sunday School also. Had dinner at Rectory and came home at 2:30 p. m. we had a concert, flute, piano and voices. Went to church at 7:30, Bishop Parker there and about 120 in church. Confirmed four boys, preached a good sermon. We had supper with him at Rectory, Mr. Parker with the family, got through about ten o'clock and came home to write diary and go to bed.

Monday, March 27.

Cloudy and a little wet over head and under foot, hardly enough to need an umbrella. Spent the day at home, Mr. and Mrs. McGregor made a few calls upon the neighbors and telephoned with the friends, as usually done when at the farm. The furnace has been run on two hods of coal in twenty-four hours. Mr. McGregor is reading poetry, Burns, Campbell and Shakespeare by turn. His father was fond of Homer and could play and sing himself. Nine o'clock and I am intending to write up the diary and go to bed rather early for me, the rest are in bed.

Tuesday, March 28.

Went over town in the morning to the bank and stores, paid interest on a note, made deposit, bought meat and pie, cake, etc. Mr. and Mrs. McGregor home all day except for a trip out to neighbors. Mrs. Millie Trow spoke to me from the door, and I went in to the Goodriches. Mr. Goodrich is 76 years old today. Millie was here to celebrate. She has four children from 9 to 14 years. I was over town again in the afternoon. The Derry Enterprise was not out, being pressed at the time. Had a postal from Mr. C. B. Chase, saying he had seen all my family at Oak Park and River Forest and all are well.

Wednesday, March 29.

Mr. McGregor had boiled potatoes when I came down, Mrs. McGregor soon arrived and warmed up the meat and made coffee. The day has been fine till nine o'clock at night, when it begins to rain. I made a call on the Goodriches, got key to next house. Jennie and I went in to look through the fifteen rooms, found it in not very good condition. Mr. McGregor cooked some tripe, pickled, and we had a meal of the delicacy.

Mr. McGregor attended funeral of John Moore as one of the bearers, Mrs. Florence Norton Britton was buried today and John Whittin. Mild night, warm rain.

Thursday, March 30.

Up at seven, Mr. McGregor on hand with warm stove in kitchen and Mrs. McGregor soon had coffee and breakfast. We spent the day reading, talking, singing and playing flute and piano with voices in old familiar airs. I wrote three chapters on next Sunday's sermon. The day has been wet, the brook overflowing the banks and much of the meadow below us. Mr. McGregor made some calls in the afternoon. Steam heat continued but not under much pressure. Read some old letters to Mr. McGregor and looked up some common connections of John Thompson.

Friday, March 31.

Mr. McGregor had a fire in kitchen stove and the coffee made, and Mrs. McGregor a meat hash. After breakfast I wrote on sermon till noon, after dinner wrote some more, read papers and went to office for late mail. After tea we talked till quarter

past nine. The day has been rough with wind and cold both. Saw Mr. and Mrs. Bampton at postoffice and had a conversation about C. B. Chase and his plans for a house lot, etc. Mr. and Mrs. McGregor went out making calls in the afternoon at the Hows and Parsons and Goodriches.

Saturday, April 1.

Finished my sermon in the morning, read it aloud to Mr. and Mrs. McGregor. In the afternoon walked to depot thence to farm. to the old farm beyond, talked with Mrs. Pinkham about painting and papering, came back, watered the plants in cellar for Mrs. McGregor, thence to depot, bought pickles. brown bread, custurd pie. doughnuts, fig cakes and came home after a baked bean supper. We sat and talked by the kitchen fire till nine o'clock, sang some old songs. recited poetry, told stories, etc. The day has been fine, the air brisk, ground nearly bare and dry except in low land.

Sunday, April 2.

Up at quarter past seven, took bath and dressed. Mr. and Mrs. McGregor had breakfast ready. I went to church and conducted

service and preached at 10:45 a. m., opened Sunday School, attended classes, closed the same, went to Rectory, played a while with Greville Haslam, flute and piano, had dinner, came home at three, talked with family and had supper. Went to evening church at 6:30, came home and talked two hours on matter, space and time with Mr. McGregor. Attended fires and am writing diary at 9:30 or a little after. Rather cold weather.

Monday, April 3.

This morning is bright and cool, about 20 degrees above zero. At home for all meals, and so were Mr. and Mrs. McGregor. In the afternoon she went to Londonderry and visited with cousins Roxanna and her two daughters, Alice and Jennie. Mr. McGregor was at his studio for some part of the day. I attended meeting of bank directors and trustees in afternoon. Warren Clark's death was sudden yesterday, heart failure. I heard John Murdock tipped over a load of hay and fell to the ground breaking a leg this afternoon, up at the corner near watering trough.

Tuesday, April 4.

Mr. McGregor went away to Haverhill for a couple of days. Phone call from Otis Clark, asked me to officiate at funeral of Warren D. Clark tomorrow at the house, 1:30 p. m. Another telephone asked me to preach at Manchester tonight, went to city on the 4:35 p. m. We had tea with Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Bailey and preached at 7:30 good attendance, snow fell and rain followed. I borrowed rubbers to come home, Three inches of snow. Reached Derry at half past ten, walked over in storm, found fire all right for the night and went to bed at eleven.

Wednesday, April 5.

Mrs. McGregor here but Mr. McGregor in Haverhill. After dinner went to the funeral of Warren D. Clark, officiated at the house and at the grave, singing by C. A. Sefton. Came back at four o'clock, snow and rain, sloppy roads. After tea went to hall for rehearsal of Royal Masters degree. Spent about two hours in the drill, officers there and work done twice. Came home again at ten o'clock, still it is raining and the

roads are growing soft with slush. Must start writing on sermon tomorrow, unless prevented by unexpected business.

Thursday, April 6.

Three inches of snow on the ground, the sun came out and by noon the snow was about gone, the streets muddy, the house warm without much help from fire. Spent a good part of the day writing three chapters on sermon. Mr. McGregor came home from Haverhill, where he had been to visit his nephews, Sam and Fred McGregor, his brother William and brother's widow. Fred lives in great style and is quite wealthy, runs his house on about twenty dollars a day, paying help, etc. I did not attend the council tonight.

Friday, April 7.

Mr. and Mrs. McGregor were both in the kitchen when I came down at 7:30. Mr. McGregor went away to Nashua in the forenoon to be gone over night and visit his sister, Mrs. Delia Foster who has had a slight shock. I finished my sermon and read it over for pointing, etc. T. I. M. Hardy called me up on telephone to inquire for

my absence from Council last night. No very good excuse. Mr. Shepard wants me to give his son his F. C. degree on a special next time, to save taking him out of school for regular. The day has been fine and comfortable without attention to furnace.

Saturday, April 8.

Went up to the farm and watered the plants in the cellar for Mrs. McGregor, crossed the fields, the birds singing gayly and the air clear and warm. I am going to Milford this afternoon to remain over Sunday or until Sunday night if I can get back on the cars. I must call at the Rectory to get mileage book. This promises to be a very pleasant afternoon for the ride to Goffs Falls and down to Nashua and out to Milford about time for supper. I leave the house in charge of Mrs. McGregor till I return.

Sunday, April 9.

I arrived at Milford last night at quarter to six, went to the Hotel Harrison, registered and had supper. Lodged there, found the proprietor is a Knight Templar, took breakfast there, good room, good meals.

Five inches of snow on the ground, fell in the night, borrowed rubbers, went to church, conducted services and preached at 10:45 a. m., twenty-one persons in the church. Wet and nasty day, took dinner at the hotel and paid \$2.00, Started at 3:15 for Elmwood Junction, train one hour late, made connection, reached Concord 6 p. m., took train 6:16 for Manchester about 7:15 train for Derry. Supper at Rectory and home.

Monday, April 10.

The sun comes out warm and carries away the snow. After breakfast we read the morning papers and Mr. McGregor goes to his studio. I went over town and got some meat and provisions. Mr. Russell came to look at the Gibson house with his wife. Dr. Newell and his wife. I sent off several letters and a deed to be recorded. Mr. McGregor came in before supper. Rev. George Haslam was here to take tea with us and talk. We used the dining room. most of the meals are in the kitchen for convenience. I must read over ritual for tomorrow night's working of F. C. degree.

Tuesday, April 11.

The day is fine, I went over town in the forenoon and made some calls on the brethren. In the afternoon I went up to the farm, found B. D. Meek and his assistant working at brown tails, remained two hours about the premises, played on the organ, sat out doors in the sun, let Mr. Richardson go in to the barn for a load of hay. In the evening attended stated meeting of St. Mark's Lodge. worked F. A. degree on F. J. Shepard, Jr., Samuel T. Campbell and Prof. Reynolds, all college men, two ballots taken and found favorable to W. T. Morse and Otis T. Campbell, came home at half past eleven.

Wednesday, April 12.

Up at seven o'clock. Another beautiful day, breakfast together, Mr. McGregor went away for the day to his office. I went over town and called on the Davises and Hosleys and Villieux. Home for dinner. Called on Gilmans or at the house in the afternoon. Mr. Russell and his wife and her father looked through the Gibson house this afternoon about five. Mr. McGregor back for supper at six o'clock, he went to bed

at half past seven, his wife is up still and I am putting the finishing touches to this diary.

Thursday, April 13.

Another very fine day. After breakfast Mr. McGregor went to his studio for the day. I wrote on sermon. After dinner I went over town to bank and stores, also up the railroad till I saw the section hands and found out about a fire on the farm yesterday, sparks from train caught and burned some grass, small area, came home after supper attended Chapter meeting, helped with M. E. M. degree on Prof. E. R. Angell, Eugene D. Campbell and Mr. Sawyer, played and sang, came home at ten o'clock, mild night. I wore no overcoat today, the weather was so warm.

Friday, April 14.

Up at seven, fire in the kitchen. Mr. and Mrs. McGregor on hand getting breakfast. After breakfast went at sermon and wrote till dinner. Mr. McGregor was away. After dinner I finished writing on the sermon. Mr. McGregor came home at five with a slice of ham and wanted ham and eggs for

supper, we had ham and eggs. After tea I went in a rain to church and assisted at evening prayer. Ex-Governor McLane of Milford is dead, a man of much character, 33rd degree Mason, etc. I came home at nine o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. McGregor gone to bed.

Saturday, April 15.

At home about all day, read over and corrected sermon for tomorrow, Easter day. Mr. Haslam is away. Mr. McGregor went over town but came back for dinner. A Nashua agent came around with a Reo automobile and invited us to ride, one seat only, but a 30 horse power machine. I rode with him to East Derry and back, Jennie then took a trip, and Mr. McGregor had a spin. Mr. and Mrs. McGregor called on Mrs. Kate Hall in the evening. The day has been fine. I hope tomorrow will not be a disappointment to the ladies who have new Easter outfits.

Sunday, April 16.

Up at half past six, took bath, made change of clothing, went to church, gave Communion at eight, had breakfast at Rectory with Mrs. Haslam and her four

sons, conducted Easter service of second Communion at ten forty five and preached. Had dinner after Sunday School and came home in auto driven by Guy Glidden. Went to church at six, conducted evening prayer, came home at eight. Had a long day of work. Mr. and Mrs. McGregor were at my services at second celebration and some strangers. Brother Page of Hampstead is dead I hear and Masonic funeral wanted.

Monday, April 17.

Mr. and Mrs. McGregor went away after breakfast, riding on electric car to town, thence to farm in team, they brought the plants from the cellar after their six weeks' rest, not much worse for the darkness of the cellar. I heard from Mrs. McGregor several times during the day. Two fine Easter lilies were brought to me from church today, one has five buds not yet opened. I went to St. Mark's Lodge and worked E. A. degree on William T. Morse tonight, attendance good and work smoothly done. Came home at ten o'clock, talked with Mr. Chase about his lot and the new house to be built.

Tuesday, April 18.

Spent all day looking around to make arrangements for the funeral in Hampstead tomorrow, ordering flowers, teams, speaking to officers of the lodge, going to the hall to pick up the white gloves, aprons and other necessary clothing, putting crape on the wands, rods, trencheons, gavel, etc. Came home to telephone with the brethren and talk with Mr. Chase. The day has been cold. Mr. and Mrs. McGregor are at the farm, but will probably come down tomorrow for another spell, a week perhaps. Thursday we go to Concord meeting.

Wednesday, April 19.

At half past eight went to the hall and picked up things for funeral at nine with the brethren, opened the lodge, took carriages for Hampstead, went to the home of brother E. D. F. Page, escorted body to church, 23 Masons in line, had funeral services and came to Forest Hill Cemetery at East Derry for burial service at grave. In afternoon closed lodge, Shepard came with "Hudson" auto and took me to farm, he then took Jennie to Rectory and came

back for me, brought me home at 4:30 p. m. At night Mr. McGregor, Mr. Chase and I went to Rectory for games and supper at eleven.

Thursday, April 20.

Up before seven, we had breakfast and took a car at 8:15 for station. Mr. and Mrs. McGregor, Miss Carrie McGregor and I took 8:35 car for Manchester and thence to Concord, reaching there at eleven, attended the annual meeting of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, then had tickets for dinner at the Eagle Hotel where a fine banquet was served to about fifty people in private room. Came away after speeches, reaching Derry at 7:30. Met Chas. Gordon who told me of the death of brother Elihu B. Hoyt of Sandown and request for Masonic funeral on Saturday at 1 p. m.

Friday, April 21.

Spent the forenoon at the other end of town looking after teams, flowers and men to attend funeral of Brother Hoyt tomorrow. After dinner did much more talking over the telephone to brethren all around

including Hampstead where I called up Past Master John S. Corson and asked him to try to get men for bearers, and I would endeavor to secure men for the work. Went down to Websters, he being tyler to the lodge, and left word for him to come to lodge at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. Have done more telephoning this evening.

Saturday, April 22.

After breakfast went up to the hall and gathered things for meeting of lodge. Opened in 3rd degree, had two double teams and a single hitch, took ten Masons to Sandown to attend funeral of Elihu Bradbury Hoyt. Funeral at one o'clock, thence in procession to cemetery near Sandown depot, commital service at grave, then came back by Walnut hill and Hall's Village to lodge room, closed the lodge and dispersed. Home for tea, baked beans, etc. Spent the evening talking with Mr. and Mrs. McGregor and to bed at nine o'clock.

Sunday, April 23.

Mr. and Mrs. McGregor were up before me and had the breakfast ready when I came down. I went to church and assist-

ed at services at 10:45, also in Sunday School at 12:15. Had dinner at Rectory. Mr. Haslam went for service at Kilrea in the afternoon. I came home, spent the afternoon with family. Had tea with Mrs. McGregor and went to evening service at 6:30 P. M., afterward took supper with the rector and family, wife and three sons. Sat a while talking and started for home, here at quarter past nine, all the folks are now in bed, and I am preparing to retire.

Monday, April 24.

Mr. and Mrs. McGregor were in the kitchen when I came down after my bath and dressing. We had breakfast about eight. Mr. McGregor took the cat in a bag and walked up to the farm.. I made a trip to town and was back to dinner. In the afternoon Mrs. McGregor picked up her things, I helped on a car and she went to town, and thence by team to the farm. I heard from them again at tea time. Charles H. Day hung himself this afternoon to an apple tree back of his house, he had been despondent some months with sickness. News of this spread very rapidly.

Tuesday, April 25.

Up a little after seven, built my own kitchen fire, the furnace was going but as the day was warm I added nothing to it. After breakfast read a letter, telephoned to the farm, and heard from Mr. and Mrs. McGregor who were there last night. At noon started for depot, took the 12:35 car and arrived at Nashua at 2 p. m. Attended work of 14th degree lodge of Perfection. Had dinner at six in the Masonic banquet hall, at eight started back, reaching Derry at half past nine. I am writing as the clock strikes ten. Had a fine day and good company, invited to stay all night at Rev. William Porter Nile's Rectory.

Wednesday, April 26.

About home all the forenoon, heard by telephone from Jennie, and at eleven o'clock Mr. McGregor called to get some things he had left here.. Went to station and took the 12:35 car for Concord, reached there at 3 p. m., at 3:30 attended meeting of Ariel Council of the Princess of Jerusalem, saw the work in full form of the 15th degree on forty candidates, the 16th

degree conferred in short form. Had dinner at six o'clock and started for home at 7:07. Came through with no delay, reached Derry at 9:30 and home in time to write this page before ten o'clock.

Thursday, April 27.

Had breakfast alone at eight o'clock, read the morning paper and wrote an hour perhaps, then went to town, collected some money on a note, about thirty dollars, took 11:35 car for Goffs Falls, thence to Nashua, attended meeting of the N. H. Consistory, saw the 20th grade worked in full form in the new theatre owned by the Consistory. Had dinner in the banquet hall at six, about eight hundred meal tickets given out. Fine service by Tanner of Haverhill. Shubert Quartet sang, came away at seven, and reached home near ten o'clock.

Friday, April 28.

This has been a warm day, no overcoats seen on the streets with exceptions among the delicate in health.. I went to the farm after four o'clock, crossed the fields, saw where a fire had burned over five or six

acres of our mowing land.. Had beef steak supper with Mrs. McGregor and talked a while with Mr. McGregor about automobiles. Came home at seven-thirty o'clock with some papers from the post office, four dailies that gathered in my absence, have read the evening news and am writing while the sound of frogs is heard.

Saturday, April 29.

Another fine warm day. I went to town in the morning, called on Mrs. Hosley for rent, and came back for dinner, went to town again in the afternoon, collected rent of Mrs. Johns, she will soon vacate her tenement on Broadway. I bought bread, pies, doughnuts, lettuce and tomatoes, candy etc., came home for supper at half past seven. Jerome came with a friend named Cole. Mr. Chase helped to entertain the company and we spent the evening in conversation. Mr. Chase has a plan to hire a team and ride tomorrow with Jerome and Mr. Cole.

Sunday, April 30.

Another very fine warm day, no fires needed for comfort. Jerome, Mr. Cole and Mr. Chase hired a team and went off riding.

I went to church and preached at 10:45 a. m. Had dinner at one o'clock at Hotel Bradford with Jerome, Mr. Cole and Mrs. Chase, we came home before three o'clock and sat around in chairs out doors till supper at five. Jerome and Mr. Cole went off on the cars at 5:22 for Boston and Providence tonight. I went to church at 6:30. Mr. Haslam came home at eight and I had cocoa and jelly with him and the family. Home again at ten.

Monday, May 1.

Dressed without bath, contrary to my usual practice, built fire and prepared breakfast, read the morning paper, heard from Mrs. McGregor that her husband had gone to Haverhill for a few days.. I had dinner alone. Mr. Haslam called in the afternoon. Jerome started for depot at half past five. She came here, and I went to rectory for tea with the family, afterwards attended the play of "The Parish Priest" at the Memorial Hall with Mr. and Mrs. Haslam, afterwards went to rectory for cake and refreshments, came home from there at half past eleven.

Tuesday, May 2.

Up at 6:45 a. m. to go to the May breakfast with Mrs. McGregor, bought some candy for the ladies, came home and read the morning papers. After dinner I went up across lots to the farm to feed the cat and empty the milk bottles. Spent a couple of hours there watching for fires, playing and singing by the organ. The day has been rather cool, the grass looks green and some buds are appearing to open with blossoms. Mr. Chase has battins up to mark the corners of his house that he is going to build and occupy with Russell according to arrangements.

Wednesday, May 3.

Rather windy and cool, put on overcoat to walk. Went up to farm after dinner, spent two hours there singing, playing on the organ, watching for fires when the trains passed. There are many fires reported in the State forest, fires of large area, big fire in Bangor, Me., burned up three millions dollars worth of houses. Mr. McGregor came back from Haverhill today, he is here tonight, spent the evening in conversation, he told tales of the Civil

War, of which he had a large experience. I suppose Mr. and Mrs. McGregor will return to the farm tomorrow.

Thursday, May 4.

Mr. and Mrs. McGregor had breakfast started when I came down about eleven. She began to see and smell smoke from the direction of the farm and I walked up to the Folsom corner to see the place was not on fire, came back for dinner. They went off together soon she telephoned from Aunt Martha's that the fire was near them, next she telephoned from the farm, and had me stirred up about fire.. I went up and sure enough a big fire came down through all the woods and fields to terror of all the people around, the buildings were defended by thirty men.

Friday, May 5.

There was fire in the woods again today, I went up after breakfast, walked up the spring road and at the top of the hill found men fighting fire that extended across the road and across my woodlot. I came through the big woods and saw where fire ran around and licked up the

leaves and trash wood, men arrived from various places and kept up the fight, the fire ran over several hundred acres, and did much damage to young trees. The growth of ten and fifteen years is about ruined. Many people visited the scene of the fire and talked.

Saturday, May 6.

In the afternoon I took a car and went as far as the top of my farm, coming down the spring road, I met with a boy who said there was a brush fire up the hill. I went on and found two men with shovels putting earth on some fire near the corner of Hardy and Duffy and a large tree was burning around the trunk, the men gave their names as Whitney and Tingley. I came on to the house and spoke with Mrs. McGregor a few minutes, and then came home. The day has been warm with little wind and little danger.

Sunday, May 7.

Attended church and assisted at celebration at 10:45 a. m., came home because I had agreed to go with Mr. Chase and see the burnt land at the farm. We went off

about two o'clock when we reached the farm we found a fire in progress and went on to find it, it was at the top of the hill called the sheep pasture, we tackled the job, with hoe and shovel, Mr. McGregor joined us, the fire ran across Maddens and Ripleys and the Strong land. We fought fire till sun down, had tea with Jennie and came home at nine.

Monday, May 8.

Went to the farm in the forenoon to fight fire. Men watched all night and Mr. McGregor and myself went on the line with Mr. Rau, Mr. Smith and Alexander. There were numerous out breaks formed by a little breeze. Many acres burned over in spite of patrol. Fires on adjacent lots contributed to the difficulties. Hard work put the fire under control on three sides, only to have it break out in a new place. This is a pretty costly business, thousands of dollars burned up. Came home at 10:30 p. m. This is the fifth day.

Tuesday, May 9.

Found myself pretty slow at getting under way, this morning after breakfast dozed in my rocking chair till near noon.

Heard from Jennie that the fire was subdued for the present. After dinner heard more from Jennie, the men were still perambulating the fire line, watering out fire in stumps and trees. A big fire occurred in the Montgomery woods and was burning fiercely all the afternoon and into the night. I attended lodge and worked the 3rd degree on Prof. A. W. Reynolds. Several strangers in to see the work, among them Principal E. D. Silver of the Academy.

Wednesday, May 10.

There are forest fires on four sides of us today and burning up much valuable timber. Jennie telephoned that Mr. McGregor and Mr. Greenough found smouldering fire in land burned over last week Thursday at the farm. Mr. Meek brought me twenty-five dollars on the rent of the Burnham place tonight. Mr. Haslam was here for a game with Mr. Chase and myself this evening. He went away at twelve o'clock p. m. The night is warm and light, but the air is full of smoke from burning brush.

Thursday, May 11.

Another day of smoke and drought, the sun looks red and hot. Went to farm in afternoon and labored at a sawdust pile on fire in the woods, banked the fire with clay over and over but could not quench it, the smoking ruins of stumps are seen on fire after six days. At night attended meeting R. A. Chapter, saw work in the R. A. degree on Prof. Angell, Eugene Campbell and Mr. Sawyer. Dr. Barker worked the degree. Light refreshments of cake and frozen pudding and cigars. Came home at eleven o'clock.

Friday, May 12.

In the afternoon I went to the farm, took shovel and repaired to the woods, where I found fire in the sawdust, spent two hours covering them with damp earth, then proceeded to the spring for a cool drink, thence to the railroad and made a little calculation, came back by the highway, had tea with Mr. and Mrs. McGregor and go home. Dressed and went with Mr. Chase to the Rectory, calling on the way to get check for \$500. from Arthur Greenough, a payment for timber. Home again about twelve o'clock, rain.

Saturday, May 13.

Last night's fire burned a house. The forest fires have raged all day in the northern part of town. Many men called out to fight back the flames from houses, and close in on the borders. Miss Emily Hall called on me this afternoon and talked with Jennie over my telephone. She is now in Manchester but will return to Boston. Sears & Roebuck catalog of automobiles came today, wonderful prices from \$325. to \$475. They have a large factory and make their machines. Yesterday reached 98 degrees for heat, today is cool, but awfully smoky on all sides.

Sunday, May 14.

The day has been cool and pleasant, much automobile riding all day and evening. I had the services at church today and preached. After four years of printing my sermons, I am reading old ones to save time. I have not heard from Jennie any time today, she must be giving the telephone a rest. There has been some fire burning up the turnpike about the direction of Shield's pond.. It seems to be under control tonight. Rain is needed badly to pre-

vent destruction of timber and wood all over the state.

Monday, May 15.

After breakfast oiled my lawn mower and tackled the job of cutting my grass, brought out the lawn swing, settee and chair. At noon went to depot, took the 12:35 car to Manchester with brothers Hill and Hardy, thence to Concord and attended Grand Council at 3 p. m., election and installation of officers, reports of treasurer and committees, had supper at half past five, and at 6:07 p. m. took car for Manchester, thence to Derry, rode with Horace F. Hill and Hardy and reached home about half past eight, talked with Mr. Chase and write up diary.

Tuesday, May 16.

Up at half past six, after breakfast went to depot, took 8:35 car for Manchester, thence 9:35 for Concord, and there at 11 o'clock. Attended Grand Royal Arch Chapter, annual meeting, election of officers. etc. Had good banquet at 1 o'clock. Caught the 2:07 car for Manchester and 3:30 car for Derry. Tom Howard brought me home in his team. Spoke to J. B. Bartlett to issue notices of work in E. A. Thursday

night and F. C. Friday. This is a busy week, three days at Concord and two nights at lodge here.

Wednesday, May 17.

Up at half past six, dressed, had breakfast, went to depot, took 8:35 car for Manchester and on to Concord at 11 a. m. Attended Grand Lodge meeting, annual with election of officers, installation, etc. Had banquet at one o'clock, about three hundred in attendance, took car at 3:07 p. m. for Manchester, reached there a few minutes after Derry car had started, waited one hour till 6:30 p. m. for next car, home about 7:40, have eaten supper, talked with Mr. Chase about woodlot and offer of \$15,000. for lumber.

Thursday, May 18.

Quarter past seven when I began my bath, had light breakfast, spent the forenoon idly about the house, repeating some ritual for night. After dinner went to town, called on several parties, collected seven dollars interest of Mrs. Villieux. after supper attended lodge and worked the E. A. degree on Ernest L. Davis. The

meeting was special and not large, but more than enough. Eugene D. Campbell paid me thirty-six dollars on interest, half for Jennie, he signed petition for degree in Council and likes Masonry very much.

Friday, May 19.

There was rain falling in the night with some lightning and thunder, the day has been cloudy and moist, but not raining to require an umbrella. After dinner I went to depot, banks, etc., thence to farm, finding Jennie and giving her eighteen dollars on the Campbell mortgage. Came home by road. After supper attended lodge meeting and worked F. C. degree on W. T. Morse, who had learned his lesson, finished before ten o'clock, it is striking ten as I write up my diary. There is much care and patience necessary to a Master.

Saturday, May 20.

Went over town in the morning to banks and stores, went over after dinner to collect interest on town note, twenty-four dollars. Met Jennie and we were at the train to greet Mabel and the children at

4:17 p. m. Came home with them and set about getting the house in order. Returned to town and bought provisions to last over Sunday. Got ice for the refrigerator. Mr .Haslam came in the evening and we played five hundred. Jerome arrived about ten o'clock and so we have a lively family at present and for the next two weeks.

Sunday, May 21.

Up at quarter past seven, had breakfast with the help of Mabel. I remained at home to take care of Lawrence and Jerome and his wife with little Miriam went to church. Mr. Chase helped to entertain the boy. They came home at half past twelve and we had dinner about half past one. Mr. Adams and wife came in the evening and we all sat out in the cool of the evening, talking until about half past nine. Mr. and Mrs. Adams then returned to the Rev. Lucian Adams for the night. and we came in to go to bed, the day has been warm.

Monday, May 22.

Mowed my lawn in good shape, went up town for store goods. Mercury 100 degrees in shade about all day. Mr. and Mrs.

Adams here in the evening, Cole, Lancaster, Rogers and Teague went over my wood lot today as prospective buyers of lumber, not naming any price as yet. I am not naming prices either, but want to find the highest bidder, may not take up with any offer after hearing from them. Taxes will probably be advanced on the lot next year. All gone to bed but me, Jerome, wife and children.

Tuesday, May 23.

Mabel and the children are here with Jerome. We have all our meals in the house. In the afternoon Jerome and I went to the farm to see Mrs. McGregor. Mrs. McGregor wanted to go to the woods, and so we three walked up through the burnt section. We found a fire burning in the ground after nearly three weeks. We could not quench it, and it may burn for weeks to come. We came home after seeing Mrs. McGregor back. In the evening Mrs. Adams came in to see Mabel and the rest of the family. Some thunder and lightning this evening and rain.

Wednesday, May 24.

Rain fell in the night and continues today. Spent the day at home with Jerome, Mabel and the children. At night Mrs. Adams came to stay with the children and we went to Rectory where we met Mr Packer and formed two tables at five hundred. Mrs. Haslam and I played against Mabel and Mr. Haslam. Jerome, Brent and Mr. Packer played at the other table. After games we had ice cream, strawberries and cake. Come home at twelve o'clock. Streets very dark, Mrs. Adams was taken back by Jerome with a lantern.

Thursday, May 25.

Up at seven, attended to bathing and dressing, prepared breakfast while Mabel dressed the children. Being Ascension Day, I attended church at ten o'clock, after that gave order for seven dollars worth of plants for my lawn, Kingsbury delivered them. Two Haslam boys made my garden planting all sorts of vegetables. Jerome set the flower plants, digging beds etc. At night Jerome and wife went over town

to the Scenic Theatre moving picture show. They are not yet back at ten o'clock, Ed Adams and wife are with them.

Friday, May 26.

Prepared breakfast for the family, Mabel cooked the dinner. In the afternoon I attend meeting of the Council of the Princess of Jerusalem in Masonic Hall. Arrived at six o'clock, banquet at 6:30 p. m. Speeches by five clergymen including myself, speeches by others. E. O. Fifield presided as Sovereign Prince, he referred to me as his master in 1866 in introducing me. I left at nine, met Rev. J. H. Nichols on car, we came home together by way of Goffs Falls, reaching here at half past ten. It is now half past eleven.

Saturday, May 27.

A very fine day. We have tried to enjoy the time. When I went over town to get provisions for Sunday, Jerome went with me and hired a two seated rig. We came back together. Mabel and the children got aboard and we took a drive around Beaver Pond, looking at the many cottages newly built and painted. We continued

out by Gov. Floyd farm and back through the village of East Derry. We were not gone more than an hour and a half, but saw much to interest the visitors, bright and homelike places.

Sunday, May 28.

After breakfast went to church, conducted morning prayer and preached at 10:45 a. m. Attended Sunday School, came home for dinner. Mr. James Doyle of Boston was here for dinner, he is attentive to Miriam Pullen, remained here till night. After tea I attended church at 7 p. m., came home to find Mr. and Mrs. Adams here, they spent the evening with us, and have just gone to Rev. Lucian Adams. The day has been hot except in shady places. Watered my plants on the lawn to keep them from drying up.

Monday, May 29.

Bought provisions for two days as tomorrow is to be a holiday, Memorial Day. Mr. James Doyle appeared again at night, looking for the arrival of Miriam from Hanover. Ben. Adams, a Mr. Hart and Miriam started in an automobile from there

today, they broke down fifteen miles beyond Concord, and had to take steam cars, reaching here at nine o'clock. Ed Adams and wife were here in the evening, when Ben and the others arrived. The day has been hot but not so intense heat as last Monday. I am now expecting to go to Milford and Wilton next Sunday for services. Must go on Saturday.

Tuesday, May 30.

The day has been cool and beautiful. Miriam Pullen was here for supper. Mr. Doyle was here a while, Mrs. Adams also. In the evening a large number went over to the pavilion at Beaver pond to dance. Jerome and I remained at home and watched for their return about twenty minutes to twelve. Mr. Chase never goes to these dances and is off to bed early tonight. Jennie and her husband attended Memorial exercises in Londonderry today, having lunch and decorating. Mr. McGregor was one of the speakers at the soldier's monument. My little flag was hung out.

Wednesday, May 31.

Mr. McGregor came over and called on the family. We invited him to dinner

After dinner Jerome and Miriam went over to his studio, and saw his pictures, and received a fine crayon of Miriam to take to River Forest, Ill. In the evening Miriam Pullen and her sister Carrie Adams were here and played games. Miriam is here tonight. They are going away tomorrow for another year unless plans are changed. The two little grandchildren have been a source of pleasure as well as the parents in this visit of two weeks. It has rained tonight.

Thursday, June 1.

Jerome went away after breakfast on the 8:15 car to station and Boston. Miriam Pullen was here for dinner. Mabel and the children went off on the 4:40 car. Carrie and Mrs. Pettee and Jennie were at the depot to see them off. I took the bags aboard and said good bye, kissing the kids, etc. The house is lonely tonight without any of them. I attended Council Assembly at Masonic Hall to help in working R. M. degree on Fred M. Moore. Came home at nine and have read some in Saturday Evening Post. About an hour am going to retire.

Friday, June 2.

The first day after the exodus of summer visitors is always quiet and melancholy. I went to town and attended to some bank business. Had all my meals alone. In the afternoon ran out my lawn mower and cut the grass all around. Sat in the shade and thought of the years that are gone and the future that is untried. Had call from Manchester for contribution to the entertainment of Sir Knights from New Bedford. Auto with five persons, Harry Whittemore and wife and mother, F. M. Garland and wife. Pleasant call from them.

Saturday, June 3.

I am thinking of the many years mother kept up her diary, also my uncle Paul, my uncle Jesse and my grandfather Jesse Gibson. It takes some care to do this in a methodical manner and allow no day to pass unnoticed. There might be some advantage in using still larger pages and spending more time in carefully recording events. My garden is coming on finely. corn and beans are up, my dahlias are showing above ground and a few beds of geraniums, salvias, cannas, etc.

Sunday, June 4.

Started on 9:35 electric car for Manchester. Gave Holy Communion and preached at 10:45 a. m. at St. Andrews. Opened Sunday School and attended to reports. 101 children in classes. Went to 31 George St. for dinner with Mr. C. R. Bailey. Rev. C. R. Bailey had services at Woodsville and North Haverhill. Conducted evening prayer and preached at 6:30 p. m., vested choir at both services. Started for Derry on the 8:30 car and was in the house before ten o'clock. The day has been perfectly lovely, clear sunshine, pure air and not too warm.

Monday, June 5.

This has been a lovely day. I spent most of it at home, doing nothing but dozing in my chair. Mr. Haslam called and I made an appointment to entertain him at supper and spend the evening with Mr. Chase. We met and played five hundred till half past eleven. We had refreshments and enjoyed the game. Mr. Chase won three games out of seven. Mr. Haslam has just gone home and Mr. Chase has gone to bed. Tomorrow night I am to be out at

the Mason's meeting, and the next night at the Rectory. The times are busy and we move fast.

Tuesday, June 6.

This has been a rainy day. I had all three meals at home and alone. Spent considerable time in learning my ritual. Went to St. Mark's lodge, opened in stated meeting, examined Sam F. Campbell and then proceeded to confer the Master Masons degree in full form on him, found him ready to give a good account of himself. At the banquet served about eleven o'clock, Prof. Angell also spoke well and Wm. H. Palmer told a good southern story. I am home from lodge and writing up diary at quarter to twelve. It is still raining and very dark outside.

Wednesday, June 7.

The day has been fine, agreeably cool. I got 10 verbinas, 12 connas, and 12 tomato plants and set them in the ground today. Mr. Haslam sent over a desk that he made in Old Mission style with green stain. The Browns in the next house are busy about the premises, cutting grass, nailing down carpets, etc. Leora Gilman and Rita came

to return a set of books read, and I loaned them another set of six story books. Gave Leora a maiden hair fern with good roots for setting in her garden. I am going to bed early to make up for last night.

Thursday, June 8.

Went over town in the morning, calling at the Davises and at the Hosleys. No money at either place. In the afternoon went to the farm, got some plants from the garden there, flowering currant, lilies of the valley, rosebush, rhubarb, and picked up a clump of orchids. Came home and set them out in my yard. Got a picture of the farm buildings done by a man of 79 years named Moors, a great talker on religion and the Bible, had read my sermons habitually and admired them. Talked with Mr. Chase in the evening about the new house and mill.

Friday, June 9.

Another fine day, a little warmer than yesterday. I finished setting out plants and watered the latest additions. In afternoon Brent Haslam cleaned out the furnace and swept the cellar bottom. I went

to town, to the bank and stores, ordered one of the Sears Roebuck & Co's automobiles to be sent to me as soon as it can be delivered, etc. Russell has sent her piano by freight and dishes, etc by express. The express has arrived, I think, from notice in the mail this afternoon. She may be in Boston next Thursday and Mr. Chase to meet her.

Saturday, June 10.

Mr. Mooers took a picture of the house about nine o'clock, it was cloudy as he prefers to have it. After dinner I was over town on business, it rained while I. was out and helped the garden stuff that is small and not deeply rooted. Mrs. Fineault sent over a dozen doughnuts as usual on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Hosely came toward evening and sat some little time, talking of business and rent, etc. I like them but must be easy on rent with them, man, wife and four children. Wrote three letters today, read some in magazine and the daily papers, had a quiet time.

Sunday, June 11.

Up at seven, bath and breakfast, attend the Church service at 10:45, conduct and

preach, open and teach in the Sunday School at 12:15, go to Frank Stuarts for dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Stuart, Mrs. Crowther and the two children. Had a good dinner, came home at half past three, remained here till six o'clock, went to church, riding in Ben Bartletts auto. Attend evening prayer as leader, went for supper at Rectory with Mr. Haslam and three sons, have just returned at ten o'clock. It is raining a little and is very dark.

Monday, June 12.

The day has been cloudy and damp, raining just a little. I spent the day at home, reading, writing, talking, etc. Made one short break calling on brother Hardy to make inquiries about Masonic matters, white aprons and gloves for public procession to church on 25th, the lodge is to go to our church on Sunday after St. John the Baptist's day, as Master, I am anxious that the brethren are well dressed, etc. Heard from my agent in Racine, Wis., and gave permit to paint my house at 1131 Villa St., and lay a cement walk. It will take about four months rent to pay the expense of sidewalk and painting.

Tuesday, June 13.

Another day of cloud and rain, thunder and lightning. The telephone jingled several times under the excitement of electricity. I went over town and got Russell's expressed box from the west, cashed express order and a post office order, spent the rest of the day at home. Ernest L. Davis in his auto, called at night to see when he will be given his F. C. degree. Will Madden called to talk about the exchange of a pond lot for a town lot near depot, each valued at \$150.00. Mr. Chase sat with me in the evening and read the magazines. I gave away a couple of year's Saturday Evening Post to S. Army.

Wednesday, June 14.

Up at seven, the rain continued, breakfast, read the morning paper. After dinner began to cut grass on the lawn with mower, scythe and sickle, moved over the tent to cut where it stood, 28 pegs, took me half an hour or more to reset. Mrs. Goodrich and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Stevens called. I had a talk with one of the family next door, they lease with option of buying in one year at \$3,400.00. There are four

of them but the two girls are married and their men come home often. They have already started a good garden, nearly half an acre.

Thursday, June 15.

In the forenoon finished cutting grass behind the barn, dug around my corn and pulled out the weeds. Mr. Chase went to Boston at noon. I took all my double windows off both piazzas, a three hours' job. Went over town for things to eat, brought back a full basket, looked for Russell and Mr. Chase at last train out of Boston but they did not come then, they arrived about ten o'clock, having come all the way by trolley from Boston by way of Nashua and Goffs Falls. The day has been very fine, not too warm but plenty of sunshine and sky.

Friday, June 16.

The day has been cool, it rained for a spell and then cleared off. I handled a hoe a little around my beans. Russell had a call from Mrs. Gilbert. In the evening Russell and Mr. Chase attended the concert at Pinkerton Academy to hear the

Lotus Male quartet. Mr. Hunttee called to speak about a rumor that lawyer Russell has bought the house where he lives, the Underhill house. My daughter and Mr. Chase are going to have a nice place when the house is finished, overlooking the athletic field of Pinkerton Academy.

Saturday, June 17.

Breakfast, bananas, pineapple, oatmeal, cream of wheat, field potatoes, bread and butter, coffee. The day has been fine. Mrs. Gilbert here, took Russell with her to a musical treat at Mrs. Frosts. Mrs. Gilbert here again in the evening. Mr. Haslam called. I went walking, he called at Mrs. Gilman's and Mrs. Haynes'. Russell and Mr. Chase walked out several times in the twilight and are now on the piazza at half past nine. We are to go to the city tomorrow according to our present plans, I to preach at Grace Church both morning and night, they to enjoy the day.

Sunday, June 18.

Up at 6:45 a. m., had bath and dressed for church. Russell prepared breakfast for Mr. Chase and myself. We three took

the 9:35 car for Manchester and all were at Grace Church for the 10:45 a. m. service. I conducted morning prayer and preached the sermon, the others went about the city and returned home. I had dinner with Mrs. Hazard and her son's wife at the rectory. Afternoon I went to the Masonic Home and visited my sister-in-law, Mrs. Amanda Mellows, came back for tea at the rectory, thence to church and preached the sermon. Left Manchester at 8:30 and am home at 9:45 p. m.

Monday, June 19.

A beautiful day passed. Mrs. Taylor and her granddaughter, Judith Heminway from St. Agnes School in Albany, called and spent some time talking, the other granddaughter, Elizabeth is in town. Mrs. Goodrich and Mrs. Stevens were here also for a call, and spent considerable time. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Adams called. I went over town for bread and strawberries, bought the first native berries of the season. very fine ones, brought in by E. A. Davenport of Londonderry. I gave him introduction to Mrs. Haslam, she engaged a half crate from him for the week's end. Heard from Mrs. McGregor.

Tuesday, June 20.

There have been several showers of rain today, just enough to lay the dust and make the foliage brighter. Mrs. Haslam and Mrs. Weston called this afternoon. Mrs. Gilman and Rita were here an hour. I attended lodge at night, good attendance. I worked Master Mason's degree on W. T. Morse and Fred J. Shepard, Jr., they made good candidates and had their lessons they were given full work each by himself, fifty or more were present, Principal E. L. Silver of Pinkerton among the others, some out of town people.

Wednesday, June 21.

Macgillicudy, a friend of Samuel Corning of No. 6 Wesley Street, Roxbury, called on me today. I went with him to Mrs. Ethel Adams and introduced him, then I invited her and Richard to dine with us tomorrow. Mrs. Gilman and Miss Jones of Lowell called tonight. Russell's piano came today and was moved into the library for a time. Miss Corson telephoned to see if I was going to the Dustin picnic at Canobie Park tomorrow. Mrs. McGregor may

go. I watered my plants in the yard to-night. My garden looks fine. Cousin Samuel Corning is about 71 years old, hale and hearty.

Thursday, June 22.

Mrs. Charles Alexander was here all day cleaning house and made ten hours came to two dollars and ten cents. Mr. and Mrs. Adams came about eleven o'clock and had dinner with us at half past twelve. We heard about his business in Philadelphia and the way they live there. They went away on the 2:50 car in a little rain. A Miss Weeks was also here for dinner. The Dustin picnic was today at Canobie Park. I watered my plants and pulled weeds and hoed my garden. The day has been cool and delightful, the longest of the year.

Friday, June 23.

Early, by telephone, I heard from C. B. Chase that Lester W. Russell was dead a defaulter to \$5000. He had died suddenly. He was a Mason but the widow will not ask for a Masonic funeral. The new Congregational Minister called there at once.

The widow is in delicate condition, and the cause of death is concealed from her at least for the present. Mr. Chase's new house is well up as to its frame. The young folks have gone walking this evening as they frequently have done this week, Mr. Chase being occupied all day. This has been a fine day. I watered all my plants and some vegetables.

Saturday, June 24.

Another fine day. Went over town in the morning, collected interest of Gustin at the gate. Answered several calls on telephone through the day. Dr. Swett of Goffstown wants me to officiate if possible, the first Sunday in July. Mr. Chase and the daughter went to the city in the evening and bought a new refrigerator for their house, they are just back at quarter of eleven. The air is cool at night, too cool to sit out in the yard without outside wraps.

Sunday, June 25.

After breakfast went to the lodge room and opened, took aprons and gloves to West Derry, about forty-four of the brethren dressed and marched to church

for service. Mr. Haslam preached. After church my daughter and I had dinner at the rectory with Rev. and Mrs. Haslam and their four sons, we came home about four o'clock. Mr. Chase had supper with us at half past six, then they went out walking, they have just come in at nine o'clock, we go to Hanover in the morning.

Monday, June 26.

Mrs. McGregor, my daughter and I took the morning train 10:30 and went to Hanover, arriving there about half past two, we obtained three rooms at the Fayerweather and had supper at the College Hall, a la carte. Salem Cadet band gave concert from 6:45 to 7:45 then we bought the score and attended the opera, "The batchelder's summer" at Webster Hall, large number there in fine dresses. After that from eleven to twelve there was a promenade and band concert, fine electrical display on fronts of buildings and about the common.

Tuesday, June 27.

Took a bath at half past five in order to make sure of getting it. Had breakfast at

College Hall. Ben Adams took us about town in his auto, then we had dinner at College Hall, fine service at tables, met Ed. Gibson, his wife, his son and daughter, the son graduates tomorrow. Met Walter Young, he is a nice looking young man, a past graduate, his wife was with him. We visited the new Administration building. Attended President Nichols reception, and had tea in the same building. Had more supper and attended the Dartmouth Concert.

Wednesday, June 28.

Another early bath, a very warm day, breakfast in College Hall, formed in procession for exercises. Met Dr. Martin of my class, we walked together, saw diplomas given to two hundred and thirty graduates and masters, some women got master's degrees. Attend the Alumni dinner Judge Cross of 1841 class was there, class of 1911 gave him cane with names on it. Came away on stage at 1:20 p. m., took 1:46 train, arrived at Derry at six, came home. Mr. McGregor being in Nashua. My daughter and I walked up to the farm at ten o'clock, she to stay over night but I came back.

Thursday, June 29.

Russell came home by eight o'clock from the farm. Mrs. Alexander came at that time to clean house and was here five hours at twenty cents an hour. I went over town to banks and stores, had steak for dinner and new apple pie. There was a fire in one of my houses today. I have not been to see how much damage was done, the fire department put out the fire, according to telephone report, there is a thousand dollars insurance on the house, the house was occupied but a short time by the family, they being recent renters.

Friday, June 30.

Jennie was alone at the farm all night and was not disturbed. She was so tired that she slept. The morning paper states that the fire damaged my house about three or four hundred dollars. I was at home all day. Had letter from Mabel that assured me of Mrs. MacMurphy's intentions to start east today so as to reach Boston on Sunday. Russell went up to the farm to stay with her aunt Jennie tonight, Mr. McGregor not having put in an appearance

nor written. I watered my garden tonight, both flowers and vegetables, it is rather dry.

Saturday, July 1.

Before I was up I heard my daughter at the outside door. She started early from the farm. We had breakfast and I began cutting the grass on my lawn and worked till twelve o'clock. Mr. Bailey came in the afternoon and was here for tea with us, after supper he and Mr. Chase and daughter went to look at the new house. They took a car for East Derry and Mr. Bailey called on his cousin, Mr. Kelley, the two parsons look some alike. The relationship is by the sister of Mr. Bailey's grandfather being the mother of Mr. Kelley. Watered my garden.

Sunday, July 2.

A very warm day has set in. After breakfast Russell went to the depot to meet her mother, and I went to church, Passing the car saw Russell, alone. I gave communion and preached at 10:45, attended to Sunday School, had dinner at Rectory. Russell went to next train at 1:37 p. m. no mother yet.

I attended evening service and came back at eight o'clock, found Mrs. MacMurphy, Russell and Mrs. Chase eating supper, I joined them in the supper. Very hot till late in the evening, it became cooler. At ten minutes of eleven I am writing up my diary.

Monday, July 3.

Another excessively warm day. Heard from Jennie that her husband came back from Nashua today. Heard from Northwood that brother Ernest Frost died there this morning and asking about the Masonic funeral. I told them to write the nearest lodge to officiate. Sent telephone to Hampstead to Joseph R. Frost about funeral, he did not yet know that his brother was dead. Ben. Adams called in automobile with Ed. and Carrie Adams. I attended two bank meetings this afternoon, voted to pay dividend semi-annual of 2 per cent. Bank affairs in good order.

Tuesday, July 4.

Another hot day, the mercury stood at 100 degrees in the shade of piazza about all day, another thermometer inside the house

at an open window, where there is a draft, stood at 94 degrees. I watered the entire lawn with hose attached to faucet or sill-cock. We sat in various shady places and tried to feel cool. Last night I slept in the tent and Russell on the back piazza. Tonight she will sleep on cot beneath a tree, her mother on the piazza and I in the tent. The day has had the usual noise, begun last night and continued.

Wednesday, July 5.

Slept in the tent, had a comfortable night but the sun came up warm for another day. Official records place the temperatures of the last three days above 100 degrees in most of New England and as high as 130 degrees in some places. My "Sears" was brought from railroad today and put in my barn, expect to set it in order soon. Saw Mr. McGregor at his studio, he will come and look up the directions for starting perhaps tomorrow. Went through Mr. Chase's new house tonight. It will be a nice one. Mrs. Hunttee called this evening.

Thursday, July 6.

After breakfast it was very warm but I went to work uncrating my Sears automobile, drawing the nails, it was a very slow process, by dinner time I had not taken half of the lumber off. In the afternoon I was more expeditious and sawed off most of the boards until only the bottom remained to the crate, then with Russell's help I raised a corner at a time and removed the bottom by farther sawing, and finally succeeded in getting the two front wheels on the axle about supper time. A hot day but rain tonight.

Friday, July 7.

Slept in the house last night, found it very warm, this morning was cooler and a beautiful cool day followed. We finished setting up the motor buggy. Mr. McGregor was here for dinner, and seemed pleased to be with us till past the middle of the afternoon. After tea we all went up to inspect the new house on the crescent. Arthur Emerson came and talked with us about Deerfield folks. Rev. Mr. Haslam came later and Mr. Chase joined us in a

game of five hundred till half past eleven. I have my blanks for license to run my new Sears motor buggy.

Saturday, July 8.

Mr. McGregor came with three gallons of gasoline in the morning. We got to work on the motor buggy in the shade of the maple and tried to set the engine in motion. We exploded the mixture in vain, the action was fitful and short, he was here for dinner. In the afternoon by some suggestions from George Upton, mail carrier, we succeeded in getting continuous sparking and explosion and soon had the clutch on the flywheel and moved the car, finally made it run across the lawn and into the barn for the present. Mrs. MacMurphy, Russel and Mr. Chase went to Uncanoonuc for the night.

Sunday, July 9.

Rather warm morning. I took the steam cars for Manchester at ten o'clock, gave Communion and preached at St. Andrew's, took 12:15 electric back to Derry, had dinner here, played some of the Dartmouth music, sat out doors till six o'clock, dry

and warm. I took the hose and watered the flowers and garden and lawn making the air cool about the house. About eight o'clock Mrs. MacMurphy, Russell and Mr. Chase returned from their trip to the top of Uncanoonuc, they had supper, lodging, breakfast and dinner at the hotel on the top of the mountain.

Monday, July 10.

Very warm morning and rising mercury, these days often show 100 degrees in the shade and more. Motoring is the favorite means of cooling off. I rode around the village in my motor buggy this evening with George Upton, Russell went with him down the street and back, doing the work herself except the cranking which is rather heavy. I sent off application for license and number, after complying with the conditions imposed by the Secretary of State. It looks as if I would be able to take longer trips very soon, a few miles away.

Tuesday, July 11.

Another hot day with thermometer about 100 degrees in shade. I spent an hour with a hoe in the garden. Went over town, found

check for \$200. from Insurance company to pay fire damages. Spent two hours watering lawn and garden. Made a trip with motor car about village, up by the Methodist Church and down by Chase's factory. A book agent took some of my time, a shrub agent some more. Mrs. Haslam made us a pleasant call with invitation to Rectory tomorrow night. Mrs. Adams called in the evening.

Wednesday, July 12.

From Edward N. Pearson, the Secretary of State, came numbers for my auto 6363. I did not try to run the machine today. Visited the insurance office and took a draft for \$205.00, thence to bank and made deposit. Saw E. B. Weston and examined papers in Lester W. Russell's safe, found some papers of interest to me. Weston is administrator to Russell's estate. In the evening went to Rectory, played bridge with Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Weston. Mr. and Mrs. Haslam and Mrs. MacMurphy, after games had ice cream and cake at Rectory and came away at half past eleven. It is now just twelve o'clock.

Thursday, July 13.

After breakfast I went to the barn, started the engine in my auto and backed out, turned and went smoothly over the streets to the depot, slowed down to a stand still at the curb. Had a company about my machine in a few minutes, let them examine it, then I started, turned in the street and came back, home all right. In the afternoon I took Mrs. MacMurphy with me and we went to the farm by way of the depot and then returned the same way, the machine behaved beautifully on my first day's treat alone.

Friday, July 14.

Cooler weather but very dry, forest fires again raging in the states and in Canada, smell of smoke in the air, after breakfast Mrs. MacMurphy and I went in auto to the depot where my machine was the center of attraction for twenty-five people. We drove it back and continued through the village, around Beaver pond and up to Five Corners, thence back through East Derry, home. We had dinner, Russell took a spin with me in the afternoon, she manages the levers quite well. We went several miles around the streets of town.

Saturday, July 15.

Drove motor buggy to station with Mrs. MacGregor. She took car for Danvers, Mass. and visited a sick friend. Again in afternoon I went over with Russell, she drove the motor. At night I drove with Mr. C. B. Chase to depot, bought three gallons of gasoline, brought Mrs. MacMurphy home from train at 7:20 p. m. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. John Pullen and Rev. Lucien Adams called and spent half and hour chatting with us upon the piazza. The day has been mild and comfortable. I must read over a sermon for tomorrow.

Sunday, July 16.

Russell and Mr. Chase went to Chester on the electrics at ten o'clock and returned at six. They took lunches with them and spent the day at his farm house. Mrs. MacMurphy and I took motor buggy ride to church, where I conducted service and preached at 10:45 a. m. We came home to dine. At night we went again by motor and I gave Mrs. Haslam a ride in my buggy, bringing her over here where she talked with Russell and Mr. Chase. I drove her

back and brought Mrs. MacMurphy home and put the motor in the barn.

Monday, July 17.

Cloudy morning, a very little shower from time to time to moisten the top of the ground, nothing doing today. I answered a letter of invitation to give an address on the 28th August Anniversary of Gen. John Stark's birthday at Manchester, before the Manchester Historic Association. The address to be from twenty to thirty minutes long. G. Waldo Browne is getting up the celebration and gives the letter of invitation. I have consented to make the address, an open air address in Stark grounds once of Alexander MacMurphy.

Tuesday, July 18.

Bright and comfortable after breakfast Mrs. MacMurphy and I went in motor buggy to town and up to the farm and back for dinner in the afternoon. I went to the farm and took Jennie out driving in the buggy, we called on Miss Martha Nesmith and came to village, made a stop here, then went back on Broadway and called on the Folsoms and Miss Gott, then up to

the farm, leaving Jennie, came home, Mrs. Pullen was here for tea and spent the evening here, just gone at ten o'clock.

Wednesday, July 19.

D. Brewster MacGregor, his wife and Mrs. Hurd a sister, called on their way to the beach in a big touring car, he wanted to see my new motor buggy. I went over town and talked with John G. Crawford, paid him thirty dollars on account of services, filled my gasoline tank and lubricating can. In afternoon drove with Russell a while afterward took Mrs. MacMurphy up by the farm and on to Mrs. Alexander's. Mr. Haslam called here and had a late tea. Mr. Chase, Mr. Haslam, Mrs. MacMurphy and I played five hundred till eleven o'clock.

Thursday, July 20.

Russell went to Manchester on the eight o'clock train, returned at noon. Mrs. MacMurphy I took to the 8:35 electric car in my motor buggy. She returned at night. After dinner I took Rev. Mr. Haslam in my buggy up by the farm and to Londonderry coming down the Mammoth by Frank

Colby. Got some currants there, thence to the Wallis Mack place and to Valley cemetery. We stopped at cemetery and went around it, looking at monuments. Came back by depot and so home for late tea, my longest drive so far.

Friday, July 21.

After supper took Mrs. MacMurphy in motor car and went up the turnpike, passed the farm buildings on cross road to Beaver pond, skirted the pond to East Derry, thence south by the Gen. Dirby place, turned westerly by the Noyes place back to turnpike and then home by the turnpike, had a fine drive. Russell drove over town in the afternoon, made out blank for license to operate, to be sent to Secretary of State. Kingsbury called at night to sell me an accident policy, very cheap.

Saturday, July 22.

In afternoon went over town with Mrs. MacMurphy in automobile, attended to business, after dinner went over to Londonderry, called on Mr. and Mrs. Nevins, then continued on to Daniel Boyd's to talk about my house near him, occupied by one of his hired men. Met Mrs. Mason Boyd

and her daughter, Mrs. Young. Mrs. MacMurphy had some conversation with Mrs. Young while I talked with Daniel. After supper Mr. Chase and I went riding through East Derry and around Beaver pond in the machine. It gives satisfaction.

Sunday, July 23.

After breakfast went to depot in auto, Russell brought back the auto, I went to Manchester and preached at St. Andrew's. Came back at one o'clock, dinner at home. Drove auto with Mrs. MacMurphy to farm, called on Jennie, went on to Miss Martha Nesmith, found Mr. McGregor there, took him in auto to Wm. Clark's back to aunt Martha and picked up wife, drove back by way of the turpike, had supper. Russell and Mr. Chase went out in the woods with a lunch basket, they are just back about nine o'clock.

Monday, July 24.

After breakfast took Russell and her mother to depot in automobile, they went to Boston on the 8:29 train to be gone a couple of days. After coming back I emptied five book cases and moved them

to take up the carpet then moved them in place again and replaced the books, it was a warm job. The day has been wet with frequent showers, tonight it is sultry inside even with doors open the rain found much frog in the cock and made extra work, but is welcomed by the farmers.

Tuesday, July 25.

Alone in the house, ate a cold breakfast, read morning paper, went at the work of cleaning the library floor, unpacking and setting up book shelves. Ate a cold dinner continued at work in the library, got the old carpet clear from under the last of the nine book cases about six o'clock. Mrs. MacMurphy came home from Boston. She prepared supper, we had tea and spent the evening reading the latest magazines. Russell telephoned from West Medford that she would stay with the Shaws tonight.

Wednesday, July 26.

Russell came home in the afternoon, in the morning went over town with Mrs. MacMurphy in auto, went to farm and got

Mrs. McGregor, took her to depot, came home for dinner. In afternoon went over again with Mrs. MacMurphy to see Mrs. Bradford, thence down Birch street and around by South road to turnpike and back home. In evening played bridge with Mr. Chase, Russell and Mrs. MacMurphy. Started little fire in sitting room to warm the air. The day has been cool and comfortable.

Thursday, July 27.

Went over town in auto in the forenoon, and again in the afternoon. Gave Dr. Dearborn a ride, he admired the motor. In the evening we had invitation and I took Mrs. MacMurphy in auto to the home of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Weston. Mr. Chase and Russell walked over there, we met Mr. and Mrs. Haslam and formed two tables playing bridge whist till half past eleven, then had refreshments, came home the same way, the electric lights went off while we were on the road but my machine was lighted and we came safely home.

Friday, July 28.

Rainy morning, much needed fall of rain all day. I remained in doors all day ex-

cept to go to store once and to postoffice again. Mr. McGregor went away to Nashua and Mrs. McGregor is not happy over the thought of staying alone at the farm tonight. This arrangement is not very pleasing to me or anybody, it is stormy tonight and certainly dreary in a country house. She may go to the next neighbor's for the night. I do not like this way of living, it is very unsatisfactory.

Saturday, July 29.

This has been a fine day. Mr. George the president of the Junior Republic of Free-lin. N. Y. and six other branches was here today, came at ten o'clock, and had lunch with us. I took him in auto to train at 2:15 for Manchester. I came back and took Mrs. MacMurphy to farm, visited with Jennie who is alone there. She will try to stay without anyone for tonight. We came home. Mr. Chase and Mrs. MacMurphy played bridge against Russell and myself they have gone to bed at eleven and I will soon follow.

Sunday, July 30.

After breakfast took Mrs. MacMurphy in motor and went to church, conducted service and preached at 10:45 a. m., had dinner with Mrs. Haslam and son Cummings. Russell was at service but came home for her dinner. Mrs. MacMurphy and I rode home after dinner in motor. At night I walked over and gave evening service at 7 p. m. Mr. Haslam came back at 7:47 p. m. and we had supper together with Mrs. Haslam and son, after sitting quite a time at table. I came away, and find myself writing this diary about half past ten o'clock.

Monday, July 31.

After breakfast went over town with Russell to call several times and do errands. Came home for dinner, Mr. Haslam came here in afternoon and stained my table and tool chest green, then I took him in auto to call on Mr. Sherron and daughter at East Derry. We also called on Mr. and Mrs. Tyson. Came back at six o'clock and he had lunch with us and remained to play bridge in the evening, he has just gone home at

eleven o'clock. This has been a fine day. My garden looks fine both flowers and vegetables are bright and green.

Tuesday, Aug. 1.

Spent good part of the day in opening boxes for Mrs. MacMurphy, her books, etc., from Oak Park, Illinois. In the evening went with auto and took her over town calling on Mrs. Bradford and at the New York Store, then upon Rev. and Mrs. Haslam at Rectory, they invited us to stay and play bridge with them after supper. We had another supper, having eaten first at home. We played until ten minutes past ten and then had some refreshments in hand, sherbert and cake. Lighted lamp and returned.

Wednesday, Aug. 2.

After breakfast went to town, picked up the appraisers and took them to John G. Crawford's office and made my inventory of the estate of Charles E. Burnham, over five thousand dollars cash in hand and one thousand in the farm. In the afternoon took Mrs. MacMurphy and Russell and went to the preliminary meeting of

the peace association at three o'clock. Dr. Tryon of Boston spoke, we organized temporarily, drew up a constitution to be presented at the first meeting in September. Mr. Sollis called and spent the evening here.

Thursday, Aug. 3.

Went over town with Mrs. MacMurphy in motor car, called at bank and stores, on Mrs. Hosley, came home, in afternoon went again, paid water bill \$27.33, bought 24 bottles of Lafayette ginger ale. Called at several places for things of the house. After supper had a party of 12 persons to play bridge, Rev. and Mrs. Haslam. Mr. and Mrs. Weston, Mr. and Mrs. Hunttee, Mr. and Mrs. Adams, Mr. Chase, Russell, Mrs. MacMurphy and myself, had lunch afterwards, ice cream, cake, candy and ginger ale. Closed up at 12 o'clock. The day has been fine. John McGregor called on me today about an offer on lumber.

Friday, August 4.

After breakfast Col. J. G. Crawford telephoned that he would like to see me, I went over in auto and attended to some business with him. After dinner took Rev. G. E.

Haslam in auto to Londonderry, calling upon a Mr. and Mrs. Palmer and upon Miss Sarah Harvey, we came back over the high hills, then I took Mrs. MacMurphy riding over South road and around by East Derry Church and so home. After supper we walked up to see Mr. Chase's new house, then called on Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich. Came home to read magazines and papers till eleven o'clock.

Saturday, August 5.

Went to town after breakfast with Mrs. MacMurphy in auto, returned with her, then went to farm and brought Mrs. McGregor down for dinner. Mr. McGregor was here and a young man named Martin from Wheaton, Ill., all here for dinner, I took the young man to train at 3:30 p. m., came home and took Mrs. McGregor to the farm at 5:40 p. m., came home and had tea with the family. After tea Mrs. Goodrich called for a visit. Mrs. Hosley brought some rent money, had two children with her. The day has been beautiful, life is pleasant at this season.

Sunday, August 6.

Took Mrs. MacMurphy to church in motor buggy at 10:45 a. m., we came home for dinner. In afternoon Russell and Mr. Chase went walking, having a lunch with them. Mrs. MacMurphy and I rode in motor to Forest Hill and saw the stones over the Burnham's graves, they look very suitable. cost \$130.00, monuments and three markers polished only on one side, we afterwards rode by Beaver pond and so back through the town, then took a trip over the other way to Adams Memorial Hall, back, had supper at six then read magazines.

Monday, August 7.

After breakfast Russell drove me over town and brought back the motor. I went to Manchester and gave Communion to Mr. Damory, 699 Grove St., a man of seventy years, his daughter received with him. I came back after lunching with Miss Damory. I attended two bank meetings after returning, then telephoned to Russell to come and bring me home in the auto, which she did at once. In the evening walked to Mrs. Eliot's with wife, after that came home and played bridge with the family and Mr. Chase till ten o'clock.

Tuesday, August 8.

Went to the farm in auto, got two Chester and Derry railroad tickets for stockholders meeting of Jennie, returned home for dinner. In afternoon with Mrs. MacMurphy and others, took a trip to Chester on the Electrics and back. After tea we went out in auto, calling at several places around depot and came home. In the evening Mrs. Gilbert called and spent some time on the piazza talking with us. Russell went to Boston early this morning and does not return tonight. The day has been fine. These are beautiful days and full of pleasure.

Wednesday, August 9.

Russell did not come back today. Mrs. McGregor went to Hampton Beach in the morning. Mrs. Weston telephoned that Mrs. Haslam was at her house on her way to train for Beverly and wanted me to take Mr. Haslam to Salem, N. H. to see the Ross family. At three o'clock I rode over town paid several bills and picked up Mr. Haslam, came back and went down the turnpike to the Witchhazel factory, thence to the Rosses, about eight miles from

Derry, we saw the family and got some fine vegetables and came back inside an hour, over pretty rough roads. Mr. Haslam took tea and spent the evening. I took him home.

Thursday, August 10.

Mr. O. C. Griffin was here after dinner looking over the house with Mrs. MacMurphy to see what alterations may be made. I took him back to town in my car, then gave Warren Horne a ride, and came home, after watering the garden and eating supper Mrs. MacMurphy and I took a ride to the farm, emptied the milk bottles, fed the cat, looked at the garden, ate some plums and came back by depot. As we went we made some calls at Express office and freight depot. The day has been quite warm and sultry.

Friday, August 11.

Another fine day. I went about town in auto with daughter and wife several times. Made a number of business trips. After tea went to farm, attended to mail, milk, and cat, ate plums and looked over the premises. Mrs. MacMurphy enjoys the rides. The night

is cool and we have fire in the sitting room. This was music day for the daughter here. Mrs. McGregor came home from the beach tonight. she may be alone at the farm tonight. Mr. MacGregor away at Salem working on his windmill project. I wrote several letters today, mostly on business.

Saturday, August 12.

This has been a beautiful summer day, and free from extremes of heat and cold. Spent mostly at home but at five o'clock Mrs. MacMurphy and I rode over town and up by the studio of Mr. McGregor to the farm, talked with both Mr. and Mrs. McGregor, ate some newly cooked boiled vittals, plums etc., came back for tea at six o'clock, played bridge in the evening, just our own family and Mr. Chase. It is now ten o'clock and we are going to retire rather early for us. My dahlias are blooming in the yard in several beds of fine colors.

Sunday, August 13.

Went to church with Mrs. MacMurphy in auto at 10:45 a. m., and preached by request of Mr. Haslam. Came home for

dinner. Mr. Chase and Russell rode out in buggy, spending the afternoon. After tea, all four of us went to church 7 p. m., to hear Rev. Mr. Tryon preach on the American Peace Association. He was at the Baptist Church to preach in the morning, at night many of them came to our service to hear him again. There was a meeting at the rectory with refreshments afterward, Mr. Tryon having opportunity to speak with each. We came back in my machine.

Monday, August 14.

After breakfast I tackled the mowing of the lawn, and had to move the tent. Mr. Griffin and another man came along to get pay \$61.84 for repairs on a house and I asked them to help me move the tent, which they did gladly. I finished the lawn mowing late in the afternoon, we were expecting brother Haslam here in the evening, he did not turn up till about ten o'clock, having an excuse. I lighted my auto and took him home, drank some of his good Scotch whiskey and drove back. It is now eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, August 15.

About twenty minutes past eleven, I took Mrs. MacMurphy in auto to Mrs. Eliot's house, thence to depot where she boarded 11:39 train for Boston. I drew \$130 and paid Charles D. Woodman for grave-stones, came home for dinner. At two o'clock went to town again and took Mr. Haslam down to the south part of town to call on Mrs. James Eaton, a long ride and rough, afterward took him to east part of town to call on Miss Wentworth to whom Mr. Packer is engaged to be married, came back in rain, took Mr. Haslam home and came home myself, about half past five o'clock.

Wednesday, August 16.

Went to depot at noon in auto, took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Haslam. Russel was in Boston and also Mrs. MacMurphy. In afternoon took Mrs. Haslam and Montford in auto to East Derry and made several calls, returned both to their places or where they desired to be left. Mrs. MacMurphy and Russell came home in the evening. I took Mrs. MacMurphy to East Derry entertainment in town hall, an annual fair and

play, came away after second act and curtain, being late after ten o'clock. We are home at half past ten.

Thursday, August 17.

All here for breakfast and dinner, then I took a car for depot at 12:50 and there at 1:15 p.m. for Manchester, met Mr. Bailey at Robinson's the undertaker and engaged to take his services the first Sunday in September, then went to 699 Grove St., and officiated at funeral of Charles Damory at the house and in Pine Grove Cemetery, large attendance of hacks. Took the 4:30 car for Derry and reached here before half past five. Supper at home, telephoned with Jennie about a ride tomorrow, then we four played bridge, Mrs. MacMurphy and I against Mr. Chase and my daughter.

Friday, August 18.

Griffin and another man laid shingles on the back side of the roof until noon, it rained the rest of the day. I took Mrs. MacMurphy over town in the morning and went to the farm for Jennie, left her and brought Mrs. MacMurphy home. the rest of the day we spent indoors, reading, writing and playing bridge after tea. The garden looks fine, both flowers and vegetables, the

dahlias are especially thrifty in appearance of bloom, no potato bugs appear yet, rather singular as they have been a source of trouble so many seasons.

Saturday, August 19.

Griffin and Chapman finished shingling the house today. Made several trips over town brought back a bunch of shingles on motor, went again for nails. Took Mrs. MacMurphy over to Library with book, also took her to see Mrs. Bradford later in the day. The day has been beautiful. The dahlias are lovely. Mr. Chapman's wife, formerly Louisa Ballou, went to school with me when we were children at the first district school, five to ten years of age. I must go to the city tomorrow to preach for Rev. C. R. Bailey.

Sunday, August 20.

A beautiful day, after breakfast went to depot in auto, Russell came back with the motor, I took 9:15 car for city at Manchester took West Side car, gave morning prayer and preached at St. Andrew's, left there at noon, and reached home for late dinner, spent the rest of the day around home. Mr.

Chase and Russell in buggy went out driving up by the farms and around the country roads and back in the early evening. Cool and fire in grate, all retiring about ten o'clock.

Monday, August 21.

Russell started for Chester about ten minutes before seven this morning to meet an upholsterer and go to C. B. Chase's house to arrange for work also to pick out furniture that A. M. Emery brought back. She came home with the furniture about two o'clock, hungry. I drove Mr. Haslam about making calls all the afternoon. After tea took Mrs. MacMurphy and Russell to Rectory for Guild meeting, later made two trips to bring them and Mrs. Tewksbury back, since that have read a little before going to bed. The day has been very beautiful.

Tuesday, August 22.

Took Mrs. MacMurphy to electric car at 9:35. She went to Manchester, she visited friends. Griffin and Chapman were here today. I paid Short for doing papering and painting at one of my houses, \$14.17. After

supper went in auto with Mrs. MacMurphy to make a few calls at West Derry. This has been a lovely day, these days are too fine to last, the garden is useful every day, both for the table and to view with delight, dahlias, verbenas, betunias, geraniums, cannas, etc. Eleven o'clock at night.

Wednesday, August 23.

Around home till nine o'clock when we attended the marriage of Louis M. Packer and Grace Wentworth at church, I assisted in the ceremony, the church was well filled. After dinner made an attempt to go to Londonderry but was delayed by balking of motor at some misfit, and by the time I had overcome the difficulty we thought it too late for dinner at No. 8 School house where the meeting was. In the evening we had tea with Mr. and Mrs. Haslam at Rectory. Russell, Mrs. MacMurphy and myself spending the evening at bridge with them.

Thursday, August 24.

A most beautiful day has passed. Mr. Griffin and Mr. Chapman here working on the house. With Mrs. MacMurphy went

over town in auto for calls at Express Office and Freight depot and stores. Mr. McGregor was here for dinner and spent a couple of hours, he came in buggy with Harland P. Morrison, they made a short call first, then Mr. Morrison went away to take a sister driving. It is dry again and I watered my garden at night to keep flowers looking bright. We have lots of beans, corn and vegetables.

Friday, August 25.

Rainy morning, but the carpenters appeared and worked all day in the front hall. We were at home all day. In spite of rain Russell had a recital for her pupils, piano and pipe organ. I sent away application to pension as clergyman over 64 years of age, and expect an annual remittance hereafter. This is an automatic pension regardless of private resources. Mrs. Haslam was at the recital. It is still raining at ten o'clock tonight. My Masonic work is near at hand again.

Saturday, August 26.

Cloudy morning, Griffin and Chapman came to work all day. In the forenoon Mrs. MacMurphy and I went over town for

provisions. I borrowed six hundred dollars at First National Bank and paid five hundred at Derry National Bank recovering my collateral mortgage on Moody farm. this I may dispose of to Mrs. MacMurphy as worth more to her than simple bank interest, six percent instead of three and a half. The afternoon has been clear but it is cloudy again tonight. Tomorrow I must take services at the church, Mr. Haslam being in Peterboro.

Sunday, August 27.

Cloudy morning. Russell went to East Derry to play the organ for service for the Rev. F. I. Kelley. the same organ that I played a few Sundays long ago, before she was born. Mrs. MacMurphy and I went to West Derry where I preached for Mr. Haslam and conducted service, coming home we had dinner together, the three of us. Rain continued, all remained indoors. At supper Mr. Chase joined us at the table in the evening. A small fire has been burning in the open chimney, the night is dark and dreary without, but cheery within.

Monday, August 28.

Cloudy morning, some rain, thunder also. Griffin and Chapman here all day, laying pine floor in hall. Mrs. MacMurphy and I rode over town, it began to rain hard. I came back alone, later went for her just about noon. In evening I read aloud two articles from Harpers Monthly. Russell and Mr. Chase walked out in the evening. It is very sultry tonight, warm, somewhere around 78 degrees all the afternoon and now at ten o'clock, doors open for a breath of fresh air.

Tuesday, August 29.

Cloudy morning, rain fell about every hour, sometimes a glimpse of sunshine, some distant thunder. David James of Richlands Ctr., Wisconsin came and was here for dinner, he has been in politics many years, State Senator, etc. He went to Manchester on the 4:15 car. I took him to the station. I had also brought him over at noon. Griffin and Chapman were here all day laying floor in the front hall. Mr. Chase, Russell, Mama and I played bridge till half past nine. The night is dark and wet.

Wednesday, August 30.

Cloudy morning, but no rain and clear sky by middle of the forenoon. Griffin and Chapman at work on the front hall. Took Mrs. MacMurphy over town and left her to go to Manchester. Russell and I had dinner together, Mrs. MacMurphy returned in afternoon and I made another trip over town with her. The motor is a handy conveyance. We have a fire in sitting room, rather cool evening. Mr. Gilbert called with a subscription paper to give for Mr. Gilman's loss of a cow. I gave him five dollars to start the list, the cow was a good one.

Thursday, August 31.

Another wet morning, in fact wet all day. After breakfast went over town in machine. Mrs. MacMurphy with me, it rained enough to wet us before we came back. Griffin and Chapman here in forenoon, Mrs. Smith here today, house cleaning and dusting. Electrician here to set a wire for lamp in hall, on top of Newell post. Many callers on various pretexts, telephone from Deerfield at Marstens from David James. So much rain has made the garden bright with

flowers. Received proof of manuscript sheets from George Waldo Browne, reprint of historic articles.

Friday, September 1.

This first day of the month has been very fine. I got under way to the garage and my machine went dead, had to get gasoline and a man to run it into port, spent most of the day with him at the garage, cleaning up the motor. Dr. and Miss Boynton came at noon and went at five. Miss Clara Shaw came at two, Mrs. Mellows at four. I was able to motor home at six. After tea took Mrs. MacMurphy to church in auto, the others walked or rode and met there to trim with flowers, etc., also to sing together. Mrs. Gilbert and Mrs. Glidden. All home again at nine o'clock.

Saturday, September 2.

The wedding morning, closed hack for bride and ladies, automobile for Mr. Chase and the rest of us. Service at church 9 a. m. Mrs. Haslam played, Mrs. Gilbert and Mrs. Glidden sang, Rev. Charles Robinson (Cong.) Rev. George Haslam assisted me in the marriage service. A large congrega-

tion there. We returned home, Russell and husband changed clothes, took trunk and dress suit case and went in automobile driven by E. P. Trowbridge, destination sixty miles away. Mrs. Mellows is here and Miss Shaw. They will be here tomorrow and go to church, have dinner at the Rectory, I will join them at dinner.

Sunday, September 3.

After breakfast I took my motor and went over town, left it at the curb, took 9:15 car for Manchester, gave communion and preached at St. Andrews, took the 12:15 car back, picked up my motor with Montfort Haslam and went to Rectory, had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Haslam, Cummings Haslam and Montford Haslam, Mrs. Mellows, Miss Shaw and Mrs. MacMurphy, who had attended church there. Late in afternoon made two trips and brought my family home. We had tea, then I motored again to church for evening service and singing. Preached at 7 p. m., had supper there and came home before ten.

Monday, September 4.

Nothing heard yet from the newly wedded couple. This has been a beautiful day

of clear sky. In the afternoon I took Amanda in my motor car and rode to High Street, West Derry, thence by that street north, arriving at the farm, stopped the motor power and went into the house to visit with Jennie. Ate some pears, talked of various trips to be made. Mrs. McGregor goes to Boston for a few days with Miss Emily F. Hall. She will go out to Hattie at Woodville. We drove around by the Wight place and came down the turnpike and so home for supper and the evening.

Tuesday, September 5.

A beautiful day of sun and blue sky. I took Miss Clara Shaw to depot for the 9:35 car to Manchester, came home in afternoon, took Mrs. MacMurphy to stores and returned. About five Rev. Haslam called, he remained for tea and went to the Lodge with me, good attendance. Reid Page Clark was there, the newly appointed Gen. Collector of Customs of Liberia, address Monrovia. I conferred E. A. degree on Capt. O. T. Campbell of Panama on Sanitary Com. for the U. S. Government. He will need dispensation to get other degrees in time to go back to his job this month.

Wednesday, September 6.

Went over town with Amanda in the morning. She enjoyed the ride in my car. Brought back a turned post for inside support of stairs. Griffin here all day working. Went over town in the afternoon with Mrs. MacMurphy, posted some letters, got evening paper, called on Mr. Williams about doing some papering and painting. After tea we read in library. Other two went to bed at eight o'clock. I read on. Mrs. Veillieux and sister called to consult about sale of her house, her husband being in weak state of heart. Partly cloudy day.

Thursday, September 7.

Rather cool day, partly clouded over but no rain. Griffin here working. In the afternoon Mrs. MacMurphy and I drove in auto to see some tenants, afterward attended a clerical at Rectory. Eight clergy and five wives present, refreshments were served, after tea we attended the Derry Peace Society at Grange Hall, twenty-six persons in attendance, passed new constitution and fully organized. Rev. Mr. Tryon of Boston was there and gave address, etc. We came home about ten o'clock, talk-

ed with Amanda an hour, all ready to go to bed at eleven o'clock.

Friday, September 8.

Rainy day, Griffin here all day and Paige, the latter tiling the fireplace in sitting room. Jennie reached the farm some time today and telephoned of her visit three days with Emily Hall. They went out to Woodville Wednesday and spent six hours with Mrs. Henry C. Moore (Hattie Gibson). Cousin Hattie has a farm and a hundred hens. Mr. McGregor was at home at night, he also sent us some word by wire. The day is rather dull. I read some and wrote a dozen letters and notes. Paid the monthly bills among other duties. Shall go to bed rather early to be warm, for the night is cool.

Saturday, September 9.

Rainy day and cold. Mr. Griffin, also Paige and his assistant. They left work at noon. I paid Griffin \$23.85 for Chapman's part. Heard from McGregor at the farm about tea time. We had sat around in over garments today and not been very comfortable, so we are around the kitchen stove

tonight. Tomorrow I expect to preach, and have picked out a sermon, one of my four hundred old assortment, already preached and in print. Some thought of the young couple causes us to leave a light on piazza tonight.

Sunday, September 10.

A fair day has come. After breakfast Amanda went with me to church. Mr. Haslam is in Peterboro. I had charge of services and preached. There was a Mr. John Parker, retired sea captain, father of Mrs. Stacy of East Derry in the congregation. he is ninety-two years of age, he fainted or had a shock and was carried out unconscious at the end of service, two doctors called, Newell and Cogswell, the latter took him home in his automobile. After tea Mrs. MacMurphy and I attended the evening service at 7 p. m. The McGregor clan will have picnic next Saturday at Henry McGregor's house.

Monday, September 11.

A bright morning, much dew on the grass. Griffin here to work on house. I went over town and got 46 feet of dressed finish three pieces of 2x3 and bundles of

laths in my motor. In afternoon, took Mrs. Mellows to train, later took Mrs. Mac-Murphy to stores, attended meeting of bank directors and meeting of bank trustees, came home with madam and a load of goods. Last night I saw Brook's comet in Draco, tonight saw it again about 2 degrees nearer the sun, it is smaller than principal stars in the constellation.

Tuesday, September 12.

A bright and cool day. Letter from Mrs. Chase, near Wolfborough. They hired a cottage for two weeks, will leave there next Saturday, they enjoy the honeymoon, keeping house in the woods. They will return by way of North Conway and spend two or three days on the way. Mrs. Mac-Murphy and I spent the day riding about and calling on tenants. In the evening going to the Guild meeting at Mrs. George Pierce's house on Birch street, and I waited at the Rectory with Mr. Palmer at et al, he is an Englishman lately from Panama and lately married.

Wednesday, September 13.

Went over town in morning to get plaster board for the carpenter. Griffin here. Went

with Mrs. MacMurphy to call on Mr. and Mrs. Packer in afternoon, afterwards went to depot with her to call on Mrs. Pierce. All meals at home, just two of us for meals. At night observed the changed position of the comet (Brook's) it moves about two degrees a day toward the west. Mrs. MacMurphy has gone down to the Gilberts to talk about a play to be given this fall in which Mr. Gilbert will take part.

Thursday, September 14.

Griffin here today. In afternoon took auto and Mrs. MacMurphy to West Derry, thence by the electric car to Londonderry, called on Mrs. Perkins, cousin Roxana Corning, Alice Corning and Marion Perkins, when we came to the car, Mr. and Mrs. Whitney were passing with auto, Mr. Minsch chauffeur and they invited us to come home with them. We came with them to West Derry, picked up our own car again and motored home at six o'clock. After tea I attended R. A. Chapter meeting and presided in absence of Dr. Barker, who telephoned me earlier in the day to do so.

Friday, September 15.

Griffin here half a day. The day has been wet and rather unpleasant by reason of chilly air. We made fire in the sitting room on the hearth, but the room is rather untidy and uncomfortable. This repairing and changing going on keeps us in unsettled state for things are piled up waiting to be put in place, not yet ready. papering and painting to be done yet, and slow operations. All meals at home, just two of us at table. Heard by telephone from the McGregors, had several calls during the day.

Saturday, September 16.

A fine day and not too cool, went over town for gasoline and other things, came back and took Mrs. MacMurphy to the McGregor Clan Meeting. Had a fine gathering and banquet. pictures taken etc., home for tea. Comet tonight in line with two stars of little dipper. The comet is about the size of one of these stars by evidently a point in a luminous atmosphere, there is no tail proper, the point of strong light may be eccentric.

Sunday, September 17.

This has been a dull day. I dressed and sat down after breakfast to read. Mrs. Mac-Murphy came to say she would not attend church today. I continued reading "The Silence of Dean Mathews" till Mrs. Mac-Murphy announced dinner ready. Sometime in the afternoon we took a walk and went through the new house, Number 9 Crescent Street, that Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Chase are to occupy when it is ready for them. They are still absent on their honey moon, keeping house in a summer cottage on Wentworth Lake near Wolfeborough making a beginning.

Monday, September 18.

A little rain in the morning, then clear sky all day, but cloudy again at night, no chance to see Brook's comet. Griffin here all day. Paige and assistant here in the afternoon. I went over town several times, brought over six bags of wall plaster, about six hundred pounds, made calls at tenants and stores, brought a window for house. Mrs. Gilbert here in the evening. Ernest L. Davis recited lecture to me, pre-

paratory to second degree. I called on several brethren about work tomorrow night at lodges, special meeting.

Tuesday, September 19.

Went over town several times with machine to procure things or do some business. Met with Davis and Campbell to try them on lecture. Mrs. MacMurphy went with me for things. At night attended lodge meeting to work F. C. degree on Otis T. Campbell of Pomona C. Z. and Earnest L. Davis. Fair attendance of brethren. A dispensation from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge was obtained for one of the men limited as to his time in Derry. Several visitors were at the meeting.

Wednesday, September 20.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Chase came home last night before I returned from lodge. Today has been fine. All four of us here today for all meals. Mr. Griffin at work on house, altering position of outside door and putting in a new window. Ran my auto over town many times, brought quite a load of lumber for carpenter, window weights, etc. With such fine days it seems a pity

that the frost destroyed all the flowers and pretty ornaments. Dr. Brent of Nova Scotia is very sick, much broken down in his arduous life.

Thursday, September 21.

The day has been clear and warm. Griffin here at work all day. Mrs. Smith here cleaning house. In afternoon we went over town to look at our tenements and post notices of vacancy. After coming back with groceries we went down the turnpike and out to Mrs. Smith's house in our motor buggy. Bert Davis talked with me a long time about this kind of motor and wants to know more about its running expense and durability, how much gasoline and what repairs, speed and strength.

Friday, September 22.

Another clear, warm day. I went over town with Griffin and brought some lumber on my motor, later took Mrs. MacMurphy to depot for 1:50 car to city, later took Mrs. Chase over to Rectory, Mr. and Mrs. Chase are with us now at table and lodgings. Mrs. Taylor called to see Mrs. Chase about music for her son Edgar. Dr. Haynes

called to say he and Mrs. Haynes are to go to Cambridge tomorrow. They have a house there and he is going to cut grass on his lawn once more this year. Mr. and Mrs. Chase and Mrs. MacMurphy and I played bridge.

Saturday, September 23.

Griffin here today, he said his work so far comes to \$58.00 and is not reckoning full rate for his time. Went over town several times in machine. In evening went up to farm with Mrs. MacMurphy and Russell, came back for Mr. Chase, took him up, we four had tea with Mr. and Mrs. McGregor. Sang some, afterwards looked at comet through opera glasses, came home between eight and nine o'clock, built fire and sat down to read by the open fire. Evenings are rather cool, days perfectly lovely.

Sunday, September 24.

After breakfast went to church with Mrs. MacMurphy in motor, conducted services and preached at 10:45 a. m., opened Sunday School and left two classes in care of teachers, came home. We four had dinner and enjoyed the afternoon together. At

evening Mr. and Mrs. Chase walked to church. Mrs. MacMurphy and I rode in my machine. I conducted services and preached. Mrs. Chase played, at the request of Mr. Powell. The singing and organ harmonized in the service. We are home again.

Monday, September 25.

The day has been warm all over the country, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. Went over town with Mrs. Chase and motored around all the forenoon on various of her errands. In the afternoon, she and Mrs. MacMurphy went to Chester on a car, looked after some work in upholstering. A big thunder storm passed over here while they were away, not much rain where they were. They were back for tea. Lightning upset the motor at Chase shop and stopped work. Doors and windows open at night.

Tuesday, September 26.

The day has been rather cool and partly cloudy. Mrs. Chase put up a lot of tomatoe] for winter use, and her mother made a lot of apple jelly. All four of us at home at

meal time. All day callers and pupils of music. I motored to town once in the afternoon. Attended lodge in the evening, worked M. M. degree on Capt. Otis T. Campbell, C. Z. Fine turn out, work done well. Afterward cold chicken, coffee, bread, cheese, pickles and cigars and speeches. All through half past eleven and home.

Wednesday, September 27.

This is the day of the Hannah Dustin gathering at Haverhill, Mass. Mrs. MacMurphy did not feel inclined to go to the party and so I remained at home with her. Mrs. McGregor did not attend. I fear Mrs. Watson will feel hurt by this failure to attend the annual meeting of the society of descendants. About half past eleven took wife over town to buy provisions, came back in time for dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Chase with us for dinner, as also for other meals. The day has been wet and we made steam heat today.

Thursday, September 28.

Clear sunshine, sun very warm, cool in the shade. Mrs. Gilbert here in the forenoon to make jellies with Mrs. Chase. Mrs. Smith here to see the rooms swept and

dusted. Went over town with Mrs. MacMurphy in machine, had some cleaning done to valves of engine at garage. Had fire in sitting room at night. Mr. and Mrs. Chase, Mrs. MacMurphy and I spent an hour at bridge. Rev. C. R. Bailey telephoned me from Boston last night after eleven o'clock to see if I will take his services at Manchester next Sunday, all day.

Friday, September 29.

This has been a rainy day, and I have been at home all day with the exception of a trip to the post office for an evening paper. Mrs. MacMurphy spent a good part of the day in the kitchen, making jellies as yesterday. Mrs. Chase also had similar work at hand. All meals at home, four at table. I had fire in steam heater. The day was so cold and damp. There are two comets visible now in the north, not this night, but on fair nights, they are so near the polar stars as not to set.

Saturday, September 30.

In the forenoon Mrs. MacMurphy and I went over town to do the buying for two

days. We found the day delightfully bright and pleasing. We wore overcoats. In the afternoon we went to the farm, joined Mrs. McGregor in picking walnuts on uncle Benjamin MacMurphy's tree, planted about 1826. I climbed the tree on a ladder, took a pail with me and knocked off the walnuts, we picked and shucked them as we put them in baskets. Mr. McGregor came to us just as we finished. We had a fine outing in the country.

Sunday, October 1.

After breakfast motored over to West Derry, took 8:50 car for Manchester. gave communion and preached at St. Andrew's at 10:45., vested choir of twenty-two, opened the Sunday School at 12:30. Attendance there ninety-six with a dozen and one classes. I went home with Mrs. Bailey for dinner. Saw two grey squirrels in grove near the house, had supper there. It began to rain heavily, and I borrowed rubbers and umbrella, gave evening prayer and sermon at 6:30 p. m. Nearly as many in choir as at morning services. Reached home at 10:15 p. m.

Monday, October 2.

Went over town, called at Rectory, bought some things, found my auto at garage and rode home. In afternoon took Mrs. MacMurphy to call on tenants, she collected of Doran, Brault, Hosley, Slater and Brunell. We had Mr. Haslam for supper and then four of us played bridge until eleven. Mrs. MacMurphy collected thirty-three dollars of the tenants, rather encouraging after the dull times. Mrs. Gilbert was here painting in the forenoon. The furnace fire was started up again this evening.

Tuesday, October 3.

In morning took wife to farm in automobile and joined Mrs. McGregor in picking cranberries in the meadow, came home for dinner at half past twelve. In evening attended St. Mark's lodge meeting, pretty good number present to see the Rev. Chas. F. Robinson of Central Church take his first degree. I had the pleasure of making him a Mason. William Clark of Londonderry and son, Reid Paige Clark were present. The day has been rather cool, and I have had a fire in the steam heater.

Wednesday, October 4.

Rainy morning, nothing doing outside today. Paid Mr. Griffin sixty dollars for carpenter's work on this house. The women folks have made up a lot of jellies and pickles, pears, peaches, cranberries, etc. Had letter from cousin Harriet S. MacMurphy of Lincoln, Nebraska and from her a souvenir Nebraska Spoon to be given to Mr. and Mrs. Chase. I wrote to Rev. C. R. Bailey. Mrs. MacMurphy and I acknowledged the receipt of automatic pension as above sixty-four years old and in the ministry of the Episcopal Church there is a pension fund.

Thursday, October 5.

The day has been clear and windy, rather cool, but not frosty. In the forenoon I went to the farm and gathered cranberries with Mrs. McGregor. I had for my hour's work about four quarts of fine cranberries, and there are more in the meadow. Today Mr. Corthell gave me a silver spoon that was aunt Sarah A. R. MacMurphy's property, being one of six, left by my father's aunt, Peggy MacMurphy at her death, sixty years ago. Spent the evening at Rectory

with my wife, Mr. and Mrs. Chase, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Weston, Mr. and Mrs. Haslam.
Refreshments at 11:15 p. m.

Friday, October 6.

The morning was fair. Mr. Griffin began a new piece of work, and was here all day. I went over town with Mrs. Chase intending to continue to the farm and pick more cranberries, but turned back on account of cold. Mrs. Chase went up in the afternoon and picked with Mrs. MacGregor about five o'clock. I took Mrs. MacMurphy over town to do some errands, we came back for tea. Soon after tea a heavy rainfall began. Mrs. Veilleux and sister called to urge me to buy a house and lot corner of Aiken and Valley streets, on which my claim is some over two hundred dollars.

Saturday, October 7.

Mr. Griffin here today. Went over town before dinner with Mrs. MacMurphy to buy provisions, brought them back in machine. Again in late afternoon went over, carried both Mr. Griffin and wife. They wished to look at my Abbott house for repairs, continued to library and back home for tea.

Mr. and Mrs. Chase at half past four went to Manchester. They are returned at nine. Col. W. S. Pillsbury died this morning about four o'clock, aged 78 years. I have a furnace fire with thermostadt on the steam connections to regulate temperature. Clear night and moon.

Sunday, October 8.

The day has been mostly clear and rather cool, had fire in steamer all day. Mrs. MacMurphy and I went to church in our motor. I conducted service and preached at 10:45 a. m., seven in choir, vested, I opened the Sunday School and left it to be closed by some one. Came home for dinner. Mr. and Mrs. McGregor here for dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Chase and ourselves. Mr. and Mrs. McGregor went up to look at the new house of Mr. and Mrs. Chase. After supper Mrs. Chase and I went to evening service sermon by me, fair attendance, we came home in machine in a few minutes.

Monday, October 9.

George W. Dickey of the English Range, died yesterday. It is reported that he milked thirteen cows in the morning, and

dropped dead in the kitchen before noon. Mrs. MacMurphy and I rode over town in the afternoon. I attended director's meeting at the First National Bank, and drove around by High Street to Mrs. Hosley with Mrs. MacMurphy looking after rent. George E. Pinkham paid in eight dollars not mentioning the old account. We are all home at supper and for evening. The day is not cold, nor cloudy.

Tuesday, October 10.

Mr. Griffin here today. Mr. Williams papering room. Went over town and filled gasoline tank of auto and got a gallon of lubricating oil. In afternoon opened lodge and attended the funeral of Col. W. S. Pillsbury at Memorial Hall. There were thirty-eight of us Blue Lodge Masons in procession and six others joined the Knights from Manchester. There were about forty of them in full uniform, they escorted our lodge from I. O. O. F. block to Hall, followed by Sons of Veterans and Grand Army Corps and back again. After the services Sir Knights performed their ritual services at the Hall.

Wednesday, October 11.

Went over town with Mrs. MacMurphy in motor to buy provisions, brought her home, and went over again to Rectory. Attended the Derry Clericus, eight Ministers of five denominations. Had dinner there all together, came home at two o'clock. In the evening Ernest L. Davis came to study lecture with me in F. C. degree. After supper Mr. Haslam with us, we played bridge till after eleven. I have engaged to take Mrs. Haslam in my motor tomorrow afternoon to see the Packers out on the Chester road. Griffin here today, fitting shelves for books.

Thursday, October 12.

Griffin here today working on library shelves. After breakfast Mrs. MacMurphy and I went over town in motor for provisions. After dinner I went over and took Mrs. Haslam in motor, thence to the Packer's, Wentworth and Wilson house in the English Range for call, thence by Mark Hill's farm to Adams farm and Mrs. Haslam called, thence by Burnham farm, Kimball corners and Gov. Floyd farm, back through East Derry, to West Derry leaving

Mrs. Haslam at Rectory. Home for supper and attended Royal Arch Chapter in evening as Companion King.

Friday, October 13.

Griffin and Williams here all day, the carpenter and the painter. Mrs. MacMurphy and I went over town in the afternoon to get provisions. My motor is improved by opening petcock on carburetor and letting out water. All four here for meals. After tea time, we went to social, had supper with two hundred people and listened to reading and music. Mrs. Chase and Mrs. Gilbert played piano together. Miss Clark sang with accompaniment by Mrs. Chase. Mrs. Mel-lows gave reading also Mrs. Pettee, a song by Mr. Meithki, etc. Home at half past nine.

Saturday, October 14.

Griffin here half a day. I went over town twice in the morning. Paid John G. Crawford, Esq. seven hundred dollars to be used in settlement of the suit of Burnham versus Doland about a note of half a century standing. Went over town third time for gasoline, then to East Derry to get my wife

who had attended a meeting of the D. A. R. at Miss Marcia Emery's, missed her, for she came on a car earlier. Mr. Meek brought pears and apples at night and Mr. Veilleux with his wife's father called on business. A fine Autumn day past.

Sunday, October 15.

After breakfast Mrs. Chase and I went to Church in motor car. I assisted Mr. Haslam in communion service. After church we came home to have dinner with Mrs. MacMurphy and Mr. Chase. Then Mr. and Mrs. Chase and I went up to the farm. A drizzling rain fell all the afternoon, but Mr. and Mrs. McGregor joined us in walking up through the woods to the Electric road. We had over garments and rubbers. We spent much time chatting along the wood paths and came back at five o'clock to take supper with Mr. and Mrs. McGregor, thence home in a very dark night.

Monday, October 16.

Griffin here, also Williams. Went over town with Mrs. MacMurphy in forenoon to buy provisions, came back at noon, went

back to meet Mr. and Mrs. Veilleux at a lawyer's office and attend to a loan on real estate. Came home for late dinner. In afternoon went again with Mrs. MacMurphy to call on tenants. Made several calls and saw many people on various errands. In the evening E. L. Davis came in auto and recited his lesson on the F. C. degree. He had it well learned and will do finely for examination in open lodge tomorrow night I am sure.

Tuesday, October 17.

Griffin here, also Williams, carpenter and paperer. Went over town with Mrs. MacMurphy for goods of various kinds among others, seventy-six feet of moulding for picture hanging in sitting room. At night Mr. Haslam here for tea and to go to lodge meeting where I worked Master Mason's degree on one candidate, Earnest L. Davis, George E. Danforth, W. M., of Rising Sun Lodge of Nashua was with us. He is head of Scottish Rites 32nd degree and elected to the Supreme Council 33rd degree, N. J. Remarks after clam bake were good and helpful to members. Damp, cloudy night.

Wednesday, October 18.

Griffin here, also Williams, carpenter and paperer. Went over town in auto with Mrs. MacMurphy to buy provisions, came home for dinner, had boiled corned beef and vegetables. We have to keep up steam heat in the house, it is damp and cold and rainy. Mr. Haslam came here for supper and remained to play bridge till twelve o'clock. Trinity Commandery, K. T. appointed me, Frederick J. Shepard and Frank A. Hardy to draw up resolutions on the death of Sir Knight, William S. Pillsbury and return the same to the recorder before Wednesday the 25th inst.

Thursday, October 19.

Griffin and Williams and Mrs. Smith here today. The day has not been cold, but it has been wet and gloomy. I have a fire in the steam heater. I have not taken my motor out of the barn. Some of the time I have spent in writing on my address to be given at the meeting of the Manchester Historical Association next Tuesday, at grounds formerly occupied by Gen. John Stark. In 1760 Capt. Alexander MacMurphy deeded land to Gen. John

Stark, neither had titles to their names so early. Mr. Haslam wants me to preach for him next Sunday, and I have also to write a memorial.

Friday, October 20.

Griffin here part of the day, and at Manningville in the other part for me. I took Mrs. MacMurphy to the station for 11:39 train to Wakefield. She will be with Mrs. Etta Tingley a few days. Mrs. Chase went to Manchester in the afternoon to remain over a concert in the evening. Telephone announced the coming of Rev. C. R. Bailey at 4:45. I met him with motor, he was here for supper with me and Mr. Chase, he remained till quarter of nine. I took him to the car and returned a few minutes past nine. I have twenty pages of my John Stark eulogy written so far.

Saturday, October 21.

It has been dull and gloomy, raining almost constantly for several days. Griffin was here part of the day, but as his work was outside he had to quit early. Mrs. MacMurphy is away, Mrs. Chase attends to meals. I have finished my eulogy on

Gen. John Stark, made corrections and pointed it carefully, I read it aloud to Mrs. Chase, reading rapidly in seventeen minutes, it will take more time in ordinary delivery, there are thirty-six pages of about sixty-five words to a page, perhaps twenty-five-hundred words in all. I must practice on reading it aloud.

Sunday, October 22.

After breakfast I oiled my machine and went to church at 10:45 a. m. Rainy weather covered my seat with blue cloak. Remained through Sunday School, came home to eat chicken dinner with cranberry pie, etc., cooked by Mrs. Chase. Mr. Chase here for dinner also. In afternoon took memorial to Shepard, aboard a car on the move and got his signature. Later took resolutions to Hardy at station and got his signature, came home to read a while, and enjoy the library. Mrs. MacMurphy did not come on the last train from the south, 7:22 p. m.

Monday, October 23.

Griffin here today. Today has been fair. In afternoon I took Mrs. Folsom to bank and around by High Street, left her at

Burbank corner, went to farm, met Mrs. Etta H. Tupper, took her in town from depot to village and back to train at 3:30 p. m., came home, went again at 4:22 train, met Mrs. MacMurphy and brought her home. Mrs. Haslam called and Mrs. Hattie G. Moore, the auto came to service again and I took Mrs. Haslam home. Hattie was here for supper. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Adams called, they have just gone at nine o'clock. The evening is cold.

Tuesday, October 24.

Met Mrs. McGregor at the station and went with her to Manchester at 9:45 a. m. Had books of deposit verified at three banks. Took dinner at Jordan's restaurant. Met Geo. Waldo Browne, found appointment for Stark address, etc., is for tomorrow. He will meet me on the 1:30 p. m. car and with me go to the meeting at Stark place for program, Came home at two o'clock. At five took Mrs. MacMurphy over town to stores. Mr. Haslam came over for supper and to play bridge till quarter past eleven I took him to the Rectory in motor.

Wednesday, October 25.

Went over town with Mrs. MacMurphy about eleven o'clock for provisions, came home for dinner, then went over to car, 12:50 for Manchester. We went to City Hall, met Mr. G. Waldo Browne and others, were taken in automobile to Stark grounds where a crowd assembled to dedicate a marker in bronze, invocation by Rev. Geo. E. Hathaway, singing by Manchester High School, address by G. W. Browne, remarks by Pres. Palmer, Eulogy by myself, benediction by the clergyman. Automobile took us to make a call, and we came home at six o'clock.

Thursday, October 26.

Warren P. Horne called with Prof. C. S. Campbell to have me point out some landmarks at Scobey's pond. I went up with automobile in afternoon and left the machine close to the pond while we looked up bounds, etc. After I came home Mrs. MacMurphy and I went over town to get provisions and leave some paper at Isaac Brault's house. Griffin worked today on Abbott house, and Williams was painting here. Eugene L. Campbell left thirty-

six dollars with Mrs. Chase for me, one half goes to Mrs. McGregor on the Campbell mortgage.

Friday, October 27.

Cloudy day with some rain. Williams here painting and papering. Mrs. Gilbert here to rehearse song for tonight at East Derry. Supper in vestry of First Parish. Went over town for paper and provisions, took umbrella in motor with Mrs. MacMurphy. Two-horse load of coal put in cellar by Holmes and Wheeler for furnace fire. Mr. and Mrs. Chase went to parish supper at East Derry, they will spend the evening at entertainment. Warren P. Horne here again today about bounds of land.

Saturday, October 28.

The day has been fair but rather chilly. Williams here painting. Went over town in the forenoon with Mrs. MacMurphy. In the afternoon with Mrs. Chase taking things to the hall for hallowe'en party at night, after supper. Mr. and Mrs. Chase went over on a car, I failed to start my motor for some reason and Mrs. MacMurphy and I had to walk over. I walked back but

the others after the show, came home on a car. My motor has to remain out doors tonight because I cannot fuss with it in the dark.

Sunday, October 29.

Left the house at 8:15 a. m., took car at station, 8:50 a. m., went to Manchester, transferred to West side, conducted service and preached at St. Andrew's 10:45 a. m. Opened Sunday School and closed, attendance one hundred and seven. Went to Mrs. Bailey's for dinner, remained there for tea, attended evening prayer and preached at 6:30 p. m., took car to waiting room, Waited till 8:45 p. m., took car for Derry, reached there at 9:30 and home at ten, had a busy day's work. Find the house warm. The night is cold out side and fur coats worn by travelers.

Monday, October 30.

Fair day and not cold, still we have fire all the time in the steam heater. Went over town in motor with Mrs. Chase, made several calls. After dinner went over with Mrs. MacMurphy, left her, and went to farm, paid Mrs. McGregor eighteen dollars

on account of E. L. Campbell, one half interest on note, returned to station and brought Mrs. MacMurphy home, went over a third time with her to Derry library to exchange her book, home for tea. Mr. Griffin and a mason here in forenoon to place a door stone. We are reading and writing tonight in the library.

Tuesday, October 31.

Cloudy morning, William J. Kingsbury came over with horse and buggy, left them in the barn and we went to Hampstead and Sandown in motor and returned in about three hours making three calls of considerable length. He gave me his petition for lodge. At night I attended lodge and worked the F. C. degree on Rev. Chas. F. Robinson. There is rain falling and the night is very dark. Attendance good notwithstanding. Found my Stark address printed in Derry Enterprise in full. Griffin here and also Williams.

Wednesday, November 1.

Cloudy day with some rain, much drizzling. Griffin here today. All meals at home. Went over town in auto about

four o'clock, left Mrs. MacMurphy and came back with provisions. Streets very muddy. Spent some of the evening looking through the pages of Matthew Patten's diary 1754 to 1790. His wife was a MacMurphy and many relatives are mentioned in the diary, and mentioned many times over. He must have been a very useful citizen in his day, exceedingly busy and always taking notes of events.

Thursday, November 2.

Rather cold day, sunshine most of the time. Went over town in forenoon, gave John G. Crawford twenty-five dollars. Mr. Haslam was here for supper and to talk over the affairs of the Woman's Guild and the proceeds of the All Hallowe'en party. In the evening I went to the meeting of Mt. Nebo Council acting as Recorder pro tem, the S. M. degree was conferred on Fred M. Moore, and we came home early. The night is cold but the rooms are very warm, and I am going to read a while in Saturday Evening Post.

Friday, November 3.

Went over town after breakfast with Mrs. MacMurphy, made calls on tenants, came home with fish for dinner, went again after dinner to bank, and other tenants. The day has been cold and the motor hard to crank on standing idle long enough to cool, so I did not let it remain idle long, and kept it in the sun as far as possible. Saw church note reduced to three hundred dollars, Woman's Guild paid something on it. I bought a black dog skin fur overcoat today for twenty dollars to be comfortable in cold weather.

Saturday, November 4.

Not as cold as yesterday, sunshine generally. Went over town in the morning for provisions and to the bank. Went over town again in the afternoon with Mrs. MacMurphy, calling on the Hosleys for rent. Took over a couple of posts to brace up the kitchen floor for them, they will move the stove from the lean-to where it has been all summer. Mr. Bailey telephoned to know if I could take his work for the second Sunday in this month, I told him of my en-

gement in Derry for the 12th. I may go to his church on the 19th of November.

Sunday, November 5.

This has been a bright day and warm in the sunshine, cold in the shade. I went to church alone in motor. Mrs. Chase went by trolley and returned by trolley. I attended church and Sunday School and came home for dinner. Mr. Chase here for meals. After supper I walked over town and attended church, spent some time at the Rectory after service. Mr. Haslam came home with me, and has just gone at eleven o'clock, he had a long talk with Mrs. MacMurphy on the times of the English sovereigns history, art, etc., quite an allround acquaintance with things.

Monday, November 6.

Rather mild day, some sunshine, partly cloudy. Mrs. Chase went to Manchester for the day, she came home at five p. m. No carpenter or paper hanger here today. I paid my Derry and Londonderry taxes amounting to over three hundred dollars. Wisconsin tax yet to pay. Went over town about noon in my auto. There is a rain

falling tonight. I put up my storm windows on front piazza this afternoon and closed in the whole space, chairs are kept dry thereby. Mr. Gilbert called in the evening to look at the thermometer and steam-heating arrangements.

Tuesday, November 7.

Went over town twice in the forenoon, once to take Mrs. Chase for provisions. I dug up all my beets and turnips, dahlias and connas and put them in the cellar. Mrs. Bradford was here today sewing and mending. Griffin was here a couple of hours. Mrs. Chase had pupils about all day today. Pliny M. Campbell moved to Boston for the winter and left the key to his house with me. A motor truck came from Boston to move his goods. Tax receipts came back to me today from Derry and Londonderry collectors. Thermostadt is in control of the steam heater.

Wednesday, November 8.

Rather fine day, not too cold, but plenty of sunshine. Went over town for meat and potatoes, the motor is a convenient means of getting around to the stores. Engaged

lawyer E. B. Weston to take Mrs. MacMurphy and me over to Deerfield tomorrow to attend the funeral of Edwin James at one o'clock. After tea Mr. Ray Harris arrived we went to the Rectory and played until eleven o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Weston were there, two sets. We had oyster stew after playing, and came home at twelve. Bright moonlight.

Thursday, November 9.

Mr. Ray Harris and Mrs. Chase went to Manchester and back some part of today. Mrs. MacMurphy and I took an automobile ride with lawyer Edwin B. Weston to Deerfield. Went over in about seventy-seven minutes, attended the funeral of Edwin James, visited a little among the relatives and started back about quarter past three. We came by way of Chester street and reached home about half past four, the ride was quite void of incident. He proved to be a good chauffeur indeed. Mr. Ray Harris went to Chester with Mrs. Gilbert on the cars, just for the ride.

Friday, November 10.

Today has been wet and cloudy by turns, no sunshine, rather gloomy on account of

the absence of foliage to the trees, they are bare. Went over town in the morning with Mrs. MacMurphy and in the afternoon with Mrs. Chase. I brought back three bags of wall plaster for the dining room. Mr. Ray Harris has helped about the house all day, doing any kind of work that seemed in order to do. He seems to be a very nice, quiet sort of guest and promising as a young man. All meals at home and all of us at home.

Saturday, November 11.

The day opened clear and bright and before ten o'clock it was warm. In fact there has not been so fine and warm a day for six weeks. No overcoat needed any part of the day. I went over town in the forenoon and up to the farm. I went to the farm twice in the afternoon, taking up Mr. Harris, Mrs. Chase and Mrs. MacMurphy. Mr. Harris and Mrs. Chase took a walk in the woods. We were all at supper with Mr. and Mrs. MacGregor, then we sang old songs by the organ and flute. Lighting my auto lamps, we came home, four good weight people riding in my motor buggy.

Sunday, November 12.

Cloudy morning, but warm and windy, wind from the south. Mr. Ray Harris and I went to church 10:45 a. m. I conducted the service and preached. Mr. Harris went into the Rectory while I opened Sunday School, then we came home to have chicken dinner with Mrs. MacMurphy, Mr. and Mrs. Chase. Mr. Harris and Mrs. Chase walked about town to see the places. After supper I and Mrs. Chase went to church, I conducted service and preached. It rained and blew, the lights went off for several minutes.

Monday, November 13.

Mrs. MacMurphy and Mr. Ray Harris went to Boston on the morning express. She returned at seven o'clock. Mrs. Chase went to Manchester at one o'clock and returned at four. I attended to some business at the bank and with John G. Crawford, making up my accounts for settlement of the Charles E. Burnham estate at a near meeting of Probate Court. The day has been cold and I have used much fresh coal in the heater to keep the house warm.

Received notices to attend the Clericus at ten o'clock on Wednesday at Hotel Bradford and take dinner there.

Tuesday, November 14.

Not quite as cold, but rather chilly air. Went over town with wife for a lot of provisions. Cloudy in afternoon and at night snow began to fall. Mr. Haslam came after tea and Mrs. MacMurphy and Mrs. Chase being out, Mr. Chase, Mr. Haslam and I began playing five hundred. Soon Mrs. MacMurphy and Mrs. Chase returned and Mr. Haslam, Mrs. MacMurphy played against me and Mr. Chase until twelve o'clock, then I cranked my motor and took Mr. Haslam home and came back at half past twelve.

Wednesday, November 15.

Snow melting away leaving muddy walks. I went over town on foot to Hotel Bradford where the Clericus assembled at 10 o'clock. Revs. Christopher, Enslin, Martin, Kelley, Haslam and myself. Had exercises, reading, discussion, etc., at twelve we sat down to a very good dinner by the menu. Came away at one. The day has not been

as cold as yesterday. After tea read aloud from several magazines to the delectation of Mrs. MacMurphy. The library seems a cheerful room and most easily kept warm.

Thursday, November 16.

Went to town in motor with Mrs. MacMurphy to see about some new electric lamps and wires in the house, get provisions and do some talking. Arranged with my officers for work at next stated lodge. Talked about going to visitation in suite of Deputy Grand Master at Haverhill, Mass., next Monday night. I have invitation from Fred McGregor. Mr. Chase, Mrs. Chase and Mrs. MacMurphy attend illustrated lecture on Canal at Panama given in Pinkerton Academy this evening.

Friday, November 17.

Went over town in motor, brought sausage, bacon and hallibut, picked up the umbrella I left at Hotel Bradford recently, went to lawyer E. B. Weston's office and got deed signed by W. F. Madden to lot at Beaver pond, came home for dinner, sent my deed to Exeter for recording, read

through a new novel called "Rest Harrow" by Hewlet. There were two electricians here at work all day on lines in the house. Mrs. MacMurphy did some papering in the living room. Mrs. Chase away in Boston to remain a few days. Weather rather cool.

Saturday, November 18.

Rainy morning, we began to think about the Dartmouth-Harvard football game and the wet meeting place, forty-one thousand seats were sold for the game at a dollar and a half a piece or more. The game was played in spite of the mud and wet. Harvard won 5 to 3 a close match. Mrs. MacMurphy and I went to town about four o'clock, the sky had cleared. We bought provisions for Sunday. At night we read in the library till after ten o'clock. The night is dark.

Sunday, November 19.

Went to station after breakfast, leaving home at quarter past eight, taking car for Manchester at ten minutes to nine, had a whole hour to spare. Conducted services and preached at Saint Andrew's at 10:45 a. m., opened Sunday School and closed the

same, attendance 107. Went to Mrs. Bailey's for dinner, remained there till after tea, thence to church, conducted evening prayer and preached at 6:30 p. m. Made haste to take car to east side and made connections with Derry car at 7:45 p. m., reached home quarter past nine.

Monday, November 20.

Remained at home until afternoon not doing much, read the morning papers. After dinner Mrs. MacMurphy and I went over town calling at a number of stores and doing considerable business, riding in my motor toward night. Heard from J. B. Bartlett, that he might go to Haverhill in his automobile, taking several with myself. Before six o'clock it began to snow and the trip was declared off and so we had a little bridge game among ourselves at home in the evening.

Tuesday, November 21.

The sun came out, and shone by turns all day, the air has been cold but not extremely so. In the afternoon I took Mrs. MacMurphy over town to do errands for Mrs. Chase and the house with the tele-

phone and motor we seem to be doing considerable business. Mr. Pinkham was seen today about rent, he has moved out of my old MacMurphy farm house and it is now empty on the approach of winter. It is doubtful as to the finding of a tenant for the house so late in the season.

Wednesday, November 22.

Mrs. MacMurphy and Mrs. Chase went away to Boston this forenoon. Mrs. Chase to return at night but her mother to have a critical examination and find out what is best to be done in her trouble of long standing. She may find it unnecessary to submit to a surgical operation and that is what we hope, and in any case my advice is to keep away from the hospital treatment. Mrs. Chase returned at seven, but I have not inquired into the results of the X-Ray examination in Boston today.

Thursday, November 23.

Mrs. Chase went away again to Boston, saying it had been decided that her mother should undergo a surgical operation today. She would telephone me after the operation. Mrs. Smith was here sweeping and dusting, getting dinner, etc. Mr. Chase and I had

our meals. About seven o'clock I heard the telephone and responded, Mrs. Chase was in Boston, the doctors finished so late, about five, that she could not come home tonight. The affair was said to have been right and hopeful.

Friday, November 24.

Mrs. Chase arrived at ten o'clock, and reported Mama as comfortable as possible under the circumstances. It will require a couple of weeks stay at hospital and careful attention afterwards. The day has been rainy and disagreeable to travel. Mrs. Gilbert called to ask for Mrs. MacMurphy and to try to borrow "Ben Hur". Mr. Haslam has gone to Peterboro so I am to officiate here on Sunday. Next Sunday is Mr. Bailey's last at Manchester, he goes to Taunton, Mass., to live and care for Saint Johns.

Saturday, November 25.

The day has not been very pleasant, but the inside of the house has been warm. We have not heard from Mrs. MacMurphy at the hospital since last night, expected to hear by way of Mrs. Tingley. It seems the

hospital is in Malden and only four miles from Mrs. Tingley. Mr. and Mrs. Chase have gone to Manchester tonight, they will be late in returning. I spent an hour at the piano singing from a collection. Everybody out of the house. Mother played and sang when the house was deserted.

Sunday, November 26.

Rather cold morning. After breakfast walked to church, conducted service and preached at 10:45 a. m., opened Sunday School and left it in charge of a teacher, came home for dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Chase went to Malden in the afternoon to see Mrs. MacMurphy. After tea I went to church, conducted service and preached at 7 p. m. Invited to supper with the Rector and family, had supper and remained till half past ten, came home at eleven to write up my labors of this Sunday.

Monday, November 27.

A very fine day has passed, warm and clear. I went over town with Mrs. Chase in the morning and bought provisions, bringing back in my motor. I had telephone call from Mrs. Etta Tingley saying

Mrs. MacMurphy is doing well, able to listen to talk or reading and to dictate letters. Wants us to come to Malden to amuse her at the hospital. Mrs. Gilbert may go down on Wednesday, perhaps I can go tomorrow. Mrs. Chase went to Manchester this afternoon, and is returned for supper.

Tuesday, November 28.

Rather comfortable day, but no sunshine, neither has it rained. Cannot think of any important business done this day. I read a little, went to store and post office, called on Mrs. Gilman for a talk about church and school, Thanksgiving, etc. The feast is not to be kept very strictly in my family. Mrs. Tingley telephoned about tea time that she had heard from Mrs. MacMurphy again today, and she is in good state of care, no fever or distress, no signs of trouble ahead and wants to see some of us.

Wednesday, November 29.

Sunshine part of the time. Mr. Haslam here for dinner. I went to Rectory in the morning and to store for meat. In after-

noon took walk to Beaver pond to look at a couple of lots deeded to me on the shore for summer cottages. Heard from William McElroy by telephone and agreed to take the services at St. Andrew's next Sunday, the first Sunday in the month and so very probably a celebration. There is no report from Mrs. MacMurphy yet. Mrs. Gilbert may have something to say.

Thursday, November 30.

Mrs. Chase went down to Malden to see her mother in the hospital and came back on the two o'clock train. Mr. Chase and I met her at the depot and we entered the Hotel Bradford for a Thanksgiving dinner, a splendid dinner was served us for seventy-five cents a plate. After dinner we walked home to read and write, sing and play the rest of the day. Mrs. MacMurphy is doing well in the care of nurses at Malden hospital but is impatient.

Friday, December 1.

About twelve o'clock heard from Mrs. McGregor, she was just home from Nashua. She and Mr. McGregor had their Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. McGregor's married

daughter at Nashua. There were ten or eleven counting the baby at the table. After two hours at dinner Mr. and Mrs. McGregor went over into Hudson and remained all night with Delia and her man, I cannot name him. Today has been fair or nearly so, not very cold. Mrs. Chase has been over town. I had a call from a Mr. Martin who formerly worked in Amoskeag Bank, but is now traveling.

Saturday, December 2.

About middling for sunshine and cloud. We called on half a dozen tenants for rent. After dinner took Mrs. Chase over town with small satisfaction. After tea heard from Mrs. Etta Langley by telephone that Mrs. MacMurphy had her bed changed to-day, was moved to a lounge and also had stitches removed from surgical wounds, etc. Spent the evening at home reading some full accounts of the confessions of the two McNamaras to blowing up the Los Angeles Times wherein about twenty people were killed, and this is America.

Sunday, December 3.

Went away after breakfast about quarter past eight, took 8:50 car for city, and McGregorville car for west side, there at 9:45 a. m., had an hour to spare. Conducted service at St. Andrew's and preached at 10:45 a. m., 24 vested communion and sermon. Opened Sunday School, 111 persons present. Went in automobile to William McElroy's for dinner. Again conducted services and preached at 6:30 p. m., took car for eastside and 7:45 car for Derry. Went to the Rectory and had supper with Rev. and Mrs. Haslam and three sons, thence home, reaching here at 11 p. m.

Monday, December 4.

Went in motor over town for provisions this forenoon. Rev. Charles F. Robinson called after dinner to look over his Masonic lecture with me. Mrs. Haslam went to Boston today and called on Malden hospital, saw Mrs. MacMurphy and two other friends she knew. Mrs. MacMurphy is doing very finely, but has a good deal of unoccupied time, too tired of being shut in. I attended two bank meetings this afternoon at the

meeting of the directors I was chosen for one of the examiners for the last day of this year.

Tuesday, December 5.

Walked over town in the forenoon to the bank and stores, came home for dinner and walked over again. Mr. Haslam joined me, we called on Mrs. Hessenius and then walked to the farms, called on Mr. and Mrs. McGregor then walked to the old MacMurphy farm house, and back to depot and I home for tea. After that attended St. Mark's lodge, worked M. M. degree on Rev. Charles F. Robinson, Rev. F. I. Kelley was with us. Rev. Mr. Haslam and about fifty-two of the brethren remained to partake of a good supper prepared by the stewards, speeches were made by seven or eight of the brethren. Home again at twelve.

Wednesday, December 6.

Walked over town in the forenoon, a very fine air and sunshine. Made conversation with several Masons. Home for dinner. Mrs. Wilson (Lulu Jones) was here this afternoon. I missed seeing her being at the

Masonic Hall to attend the silver ware left last night without cleaning, rather than have it stand till the stewards can be there again. I tackled the job. I was sorry not to see Lulu. Mr. and Mrs. Chase have gone over town to hear a lecture by the Rev. J. Franklin Babb of Deerfield, he is really wonderful.

Thursday, December 7.

This has been a fine day. I went up the street to the store and post office without overcoat, bare handed and comfortable. Mrs. Smith was here today as well as yesterday. Mrs. Chase went to the city in the forenoon. At night I attended Mt. Nebo Council R. and S. M., helped as chaplain to work the Select Masters degree on Eugene Campbell of Londonderry. Three new petitions for degrees were placed before the council, all good candidates. Mr. Chase and I are home early tonight, in fact about nine o'clock, all work completed.

Friday, December 8.

Another fine day, very moderate in temperature, softening the ground. I walked over town in the morning and called at the

bank and at the rectory, came home for dinner, in afternoon took a walk through the woods east of here from Richardson's around by Ring's. Mr. and Mrs. Chase went to entertainment after tea to see the play, "Village Schoolma'm". I am reading and writing till they come back to report on the farce. These are short days and nights and the light bills heavy.

Saturday, December 9.

Today has been mild but damp and at times rainy. I went over town for provisions in the morning, without an umbrella and returned before the rain. Mr. and Mrs. Chase were here at all meals. Miss Emily Hall made a short call on me this afternoon. Mrs. Mary P. Stevens is visiting at her brothers in town, John H. Goodrich. Mr. and Mrs. Chase after tea went up to their new house and intend to sleep there tonight for the first time. Mrs. Tingley telephoned to us tonight about Mrs. MacMurphy at hospital.

Sunday, December 10.

After breakfast we left the house in various ways, Mr. Chase went to church, Mrs. Chase took electric car for round

about ride to Malden hospital and I went to church. I conducted service and preached opened Sunday School and took part in singing Christmas songs. Had dinner at Rectory with Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Meservey and the family and came home at three o'clock. Mr. Haslam returned for evening services. Mr. Chase went to Malden on steam cars. Mr. and Mrs. Chase have just come in at eight o'clock, having visited Mrs. Mac-Murphy in the Malden hospital.

Monday, December 11.

This has been a warm day without sunshine, the ground muddy for thawing. I went over town to bank and stores in the morning. We had dinner together, and expect to continue dinner for a while. Mr. and Mrs. Chase will sleep in their new house and get their breakfast and supper there at present. Rev. Geo. Haslam was here for tea and remained to play bridge and five hundred. After games I took my machine and carried Mr. Haslam home and was back here again as the clocks struck eleven. The night is very dark but my lamps were lighted fore and aft.

Tuesday, December 12.

Alone in the house all night. Arose at seven, ate three biscuits of shredded wheat, went to depot, thence to Lawrence and Exeter, attended Probate Court. Col J. G. Crawford was there to assist me, business finished at eleven, took train at 12:17 for Lawrence then had dinner with Daniel G. Annis, who had also been with me at Court, thence we passed by trolley to Methuen and Salem, some delay there, thence by train to Derry, reached home about five o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Chase here for supper with me. I am now alone again, they at the new house.

Wednesday, December 13.

My diary is drawing to a close, like those of the past eight years it is full of recitals, and may be often referred to to decide some point of inquiry. I went over town on foot twice. Mrs. Gustin paid me fifty dollars and interest on note, interest was paid on Moody note fifteen dollars. The Clericus meeting was called off for want of attendance and meeting place too, short notice from the secretary. I have a call to preach at Manchester next Sunday. Mr.

and Mrs. Chase here for tea but at their new house for the night and breakfast tomorrow.

Thursday, December 14.

Cooler day, I prepared my breakfast and ate it alone. Mrs. Chase came down from her house pretty soon to say good morning, and see the mail. She went off till near noon, when she returned and prepared dinner. Mr. Chase was here for dinner. She was away again but here for tea, then off again to her house. Mrs. Tingley wrote on card that Mrs. MacMurphy sits up an hour in the morning and another hour in the afternoon, and the doctor says she may come home next week. I did not attend R. A. Chapter meeting tonight but read Saturday Evening Post.

Friday, December 15.

Snow on the ground when I awoke and looked out of a window. Mrs. Chase came down from her house as I finished my breakfast. Mrs. Smith was around again today mostly at the new house. Mr. and Mrs. Chase and Mrs. Smith here for dinner. By telephone Dr. Cogswell informed me

that the funeral of his reverend father would be at his house next Sunday and they would like the Masons to have full charge of the funeral. I immediately gave orders to the secretary to issue the announcements for a Masonic funeral service at 2:15 p. m. Sunday.

Saturday, December 16.

Snow on the ground, some rain falling, damp weather. I was over town in forenoon, buying provisions and to make arrangements for the Masonic funeral of Rev. J. S. Cogswell. Had letter from Worshipful Master of Golden Rule Lodge No. 32, Putney Vt., requesting me to give attention to this business, order flowers, cars, etc., as seemed mindful. The present indications are that tomorrow will not be very pleasant and I shall have a hard day's work with services and Masonic funeral at house and grave.

Sunday, December 17.

Ate an apple, two shredded wheat biscuits with cream, started for depot at 8:15 a. m. Damp and muddy. Took 8:50 car for Manchester, transferred to west

side, conducted service and preached at 10:45 a. m., took 12:45 car to Derry, ate two pieces of pie, drank a cup of coffee, met with Masons, conducted Masonic funeral at Dr. Cogswell's for his father, Rev. J. S. Cogswell of Golden Rule Lodge No. 32, Putney, Vermont. Went to Forest Hill cemetery with the brethren for service at grave, caught 4:50 car back to Manchester, conducted evening service and preached at 6:30 p. m., reached home again at 9:00 p. m.

Monday, December 18.

There is real pleasure in keeping a diary and filling up the measure of each day. These diaries of mine are more complete than any I have ever seen, more incidents and fuller reports of every day's doings. Mr. and Mrs. Chase were here for dinner and supper, breakfast I had alone. I went over town to inquire about the return of aprons, gloves, etc., used at funeral yesterday, some of which were left at the hall over there on leaving the ranks, and some left there in excess of the number required.

Tuesday, December 19.

A letter from Mrs. Tingley makes it plain that Mrs. MacMurphy is not in condition to come home yet, perhaps she may come toward the end of the week. She is not able to walk, or stand on her feet for any length of time. She is impatient of confinement, but very anxious to get home. Mr. and Mrs. Chase were here for dinner and tea, after they went to their new house for the night and breakfast. It is quite cold today and promises to continue. I was over town twice in the course of today on various little errands.

Wednesday, December 20.

Decided to go to Malden to see Mrs. MacMurphy, took train at 1:30 a. m., went to Wakefield, thence by trolley to Malden hospital, finely located on Murray Hill. found Mrs. MacMurphy out on a veranda in wheel chair, she came in with the help of the chair. I found she is quite helpless, although healed from the surgical operation, she has a weakness peculiarly trying to herself and attendants. She wants to come home, is tired of hospital and rather despondent it seems to me. We will try to remedy her condition some way.

Thursday, December 21.

Mrs. Chase went to Malden on the 8:29 a. m. train and spent the day with her mother at the hospital. After she came back, at eight o'clock at night she telephoned of her visit. Mrs. MacMurphy is still talking of coming home as soon as possible, perhaps next week Wednesday if arrangements can be made for proper conveyance, automobile perhaps. Mr. Haslam was here for tea with Mr. Chase and spent the evening till eleven o'clock. I ordered two magazines today with six volumes of Balzac's romances as premiums. I must order some more right away for winter.

Friday, December 22.

Went over town in the forenoon, paid some bills, ordered coal, paid an inheritance tax of \$203.63 on estate of Charles E. Furnham, came home for dinner bringing the stuff, fish, bread and potatoes. Mrs. Chase prepared the dinner and we were joined by Mr. Chase. I have read some in Washington Irving's sketch of Abbotsford, a personal account of a visit with Sir Walter Scott in 1817, delightful account.

It rains instead of snow as expected today. I am not anxious to see snow, and so am satisfied with rain.

Saturday, December 23.

It rained in the night and the streets were wet all day except on the sidewalks where wind and occasional sunshine made it dry. I went to store for twenty-five Christmas cards and twenty-five stamps, came home and wrote something on every card beside my name and mailed all of them. Went over town in afternoon to look at books and took three for a bargain. Mr. and Mrs. Chase were here for dinner only, breakfast and tea they took in their own house. Tomorrow Mrs. Chase will go to Malden to see her mother and spend the day.

Sunday, December 24.

Mrs. Chase went to Malden on 7:30 a. m. steam cars. After breakfast I went to Church, gave Holy Communion and preached at 10:45 a. m., conducted Sunday School, opening, singing and closing. {Went to Rectory for dinner with Mrs. Haslam and her four sons, came home at three o'clock. Mrs. McElroy of Manchester telephoned about services there tomorrow. I could not

take them. I went to church and had evening prayer and preached at 6:30 p. m., came home. Mrs. Chase returned from Malden hospital and reported that her mother will come home Wednesday, train to stop for her.

Monday, December 25.

Merry Christmas greeted me in many cards and tokens. Breakfast alone here. Mrs. Chase came in to see morning mail. I went to her house for dinner with her and her husband and to go into all the rooms and see their furnishings, fine. After dinner we three walked to the farm, had a visit with Mr. and Mrs. MacGregor, music of organ, flute and voices and supper with them, then we came to Christmas Tree at our Church festival for Sunday School, and to the Rectory afterwards for cakek, cocoa, nuts and oranges, thence on foot home, a little past ten o'clock.

Tuesday, December 26.

Yesterday it was warm so that bare hands were not uncomfortable. Mr. and Mrs. Chase were here for dinner, but not at the two other meals. Mrs. Smith was here and at the other house all day. I

was over town twice on foot, asked some one to be proxy for me at meeting of the Grand Lodge in Manchester tomorrow as I must go to Malden. Mrs. Chase will go to Malden on 6:40 a. m. train to get her mother ready. I intend to go by 8:29 a. m. and all to come home about 2:00 p. m. Mrs. Stevens to be here to receive Mrs. MacMurphy on her home coming.

Wednesday, December 27.

Mrs. Chase went to Malden on 6:40 train. I went on 8:29. Mrs. Tingley of Greenwood there in automobile. We had lunch at hospital, took Mrs. MacMurphy in hack to station, train made special stop for us to enter. Came through to Derry at 2 p. m. Met by nurse and hack and came home, carried Mrs. MacMurphy on chair from train to hack here, she walked into the house with our help and up stairs, Mrs. Stevens here to receive her, also Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Stevens will spend some days here in nursing, and the district nurse will come in once each day for a while. The day was cloudy, and damp tonight.

Thursday, December 28.

Mrs. MacMurphy was up early this morning and Mrs. Stevens helping her to dress.

Mrs. Chase came down after breakfast and Mrs. Smith was here part of the day. Mrs. MacMurphy managed to walk around the upper rooms and hall alone. I was over town twice on foot in the morning. The day turned cold and windy, pretty near a blizzard, only snow lacking to make it, the district nurse did not appear on hand today, her day off. I must remember to go to the bank on Saturday to count the cash on hand and report on conditions.

Friday, December 29.

Heavy wind without snow or rain, rattling the windows and shutters the whole night long, freezing weather and yet not extremely low temperature. Mrs. MacMurphy continues fairly convalescent and restless. She moved back into her old room over the kitchen. The district nurse called today and spent some time with her. Mrs. Pettee called, Rev. Geo. E. Haslam called. Mrs. Smith was here half of the day, Mrs. Stevens all the time. Miss Emily S. Hall is with Mrs. Charles MacGregor for a week or two. Mrs. Charles B. Chase made two visits here today, attending to business.

Saturday, December 30.

Two windy days passed and today is still windy, cold and dry. I went over town in the morning for mutton, liver, eggs, and other provisions, came home for dinner, went to bank at two o'clock to audit accounts, count cash, etc., with Frank N. Young. We were through part of the business at half past four, came home for tea, beans and brown bread, the usual meal for Saturday nights. Mrs. MacMurphy doing very well, moving from room to room alone. Mrs. Chase came down in the evening. I read a book through in one hour, "Need of Chance".

Sunday, December 31.

Attended church 10:45 a. m., Mr. Haslam preached, in the choir vested were eleven. Came home for dinner, snow on ground, like winter, not very cold, rather damp. I did not return to service at night. This day is the last of the year. We are grateful for health and contentment generally. We have many things to be thankful for in the year that is passing tonight. It has been a pleasure to keep these records up daily for many years. Quite frequently I have occasion to review them for ascertaining some forgotten circumstance or finding the date of some occurrence.

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